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Public hearing set on Bay street renumbering

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Plans to rename a few streets, and possibly renumber hundreds of addresses, are up for a public hearing in Bay St. Louis on Tuesday.

The "911 address enhancement" matter has been under consideration by city officials

for months, based on recent study of problems that confront emergency personnel and delivery trucks in the city.

Fire Chief Robert Gavagnie said Friday the current plan focuses on the duplicative names of Kellar, Keller streets, the existence of three different

Union streets, and the confusion caused by the "north and south" designations of Beach Boulevard, Toulme and Second streets.

The "north" or "south" problem probably will be resolved by making sure that all addresses with those street names are designated properly in the 911 address databank, he said, rather than renaming or renumbering those streets to deal with the confusion.

But the Kellar, Keller and Union streets problem is another question that council will be asked to tackle by renaming. One Union Street runs alongside St. Stanislaus. Another lies off Necessity Street, and a third one is found off the Old Spanish Trail in the Housing Authority area.

Meanwhile, there's the question of out-of-sequence street addresses. The city could opt to re-number property every 25-feet of frontage, as a consultant recommends, or every 50-feet of frontage, an alternative also on the table. Another option would be dealing with confusing sequences of street addresses on a case-by-case basis.

Gavagnie and Police Chief Frank McNeil, both members of the area 911 Commission, are expected to be at the public hearing Tuesday.

The fire chief said none of the

Signs, banners creating Bay officials woes

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Bay St. Louis City officials have been asked for a variance to allow a sign that's more than six times as large as local law allows.

The request comes amid an escalating disagreement over sign regulations in the city. Proposed revisions to the city's sign ordinance are up for a public hearing June 1, but those proposed changes don't apply to the new case that's cropped up.

The city's Planning and Zoning Commission is set to hear a new variance request from owners of 1st Choice Home Furnishings, which recently opened in the shopping center at Highway 90 and Dunbar Avenue.

The company attached a sign without a permit or prior approval of the building inspection department, says Building Official Bill Carrige. He said when he served the business with an official notice of a violation of the ordinance, the company officials said they weren't aware of the sign ordinance.

Rather than remove the sign, Carrige said the owners asked if they could pay whatever fees may be due to keep it in place. To do so, the firm needs a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for a variance, and approval of City Council.

Under the city sign ordinance, the

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Bay couple launches Animal Shelter drive

BY ED LEPOMA

John and Dee Ketcherside of Bay St. Louis are waging a campaign to raise money for new pen gates at the Hancock County Animal Shelter in Waveland.

The Ketchersides recently adopted a cat at the shelter and had the opportunity to meet with the staff.

"The staff are wonderful, caring people, and the facility was nice and clean," the couple wrote in a letter to the Echo. "However, the shelter is in dire need of

new gates for the animal pens. The current gates are rusted at the bottoms, leaving gaps. There have been some occasions during the night when some animals have gotten out of their pens."

Although the shelter receives yearly funding from Hancock County and the cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland, the couple points out that most of the funds are used to purchase food and medicine for the abandoned animals, and "there is little left to make

much needed repairs."

The Ketchersides said there were 24 pen gates at the shelter, and the cost to replace them is about \$100 each. They said, if the shelter moves into a new home at some time in the future, the gates could be moved to the new location.

"Our plea to you is to donate whatever amount you feel you can for this worthy project. Anything that you can give will be helpful," the Ketchersides said.

The couple also contacted Waveland city attorney Ronnie

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Contaminated soil cleanup planned at Ansley site

BY ED LEPOMA

A spokesman for Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company confirmed this week that the firm plans to contract in August to clean up contaminated soils found at its substation in the Ansley community and off-site.

Mel Scott, media relations for El Paso Energy Corp. in Houston, spoke with the Echo after an announcement was placed in the newspaper recently that the firm planned to embark on a cleanup.

The legal announcement notified the public that the plans were on file for review at the main Library in Hancock County. It also gives citizens until June 1 to comment on the cleanup plans.

Scott estimates the cleanup could cost in the neighborhood of \$390,000, and a local contractor would be selected, with work to begin in August. The cleanup, estimated to take about one month, will be monitored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 4 office in Atlanta.

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Volunteers

In celebration of Hospital Week, Hancock Medical Center employees were treated to a BBQ/picnic lunch Friday with administration and foundation members serving over 400. In photo are, from left, Theresa Bourgeois, foundation vice-president; and Leo Kowal, foundation treasurer. On Saturday Hancock Medical Center held its annual Community Health Fair.

Small restaurants promised relief on sewer rates

BY ED LEPOMA

Owners of small restaurants in Hancock County were promised some relief Thursday after several complained their sewerage rates were doubled and tripled.

Hancock County's Water and Sewer District handled a multitude of issues during their regular monthly meeting, but one of the most controversial was the charges adopted last February for commercial businesses which are beginning to sprout up along the busy Hwy. 603 corridor and elsewhere in the county.

District Vice Chairman Curtis Johnson told those who complained, "We've never dealt with commercial rates before, we'll have to take a look at them."

District Administrator Pam Gauthreaux said the problem stems from the fact that the District didn't take into account that many restaurants

in Hancock County are small, seating 25 or less people.

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Lines extended

Public Works crews from Waveland are shown extending water and sewer lines on the west side of U.S. Hwy. 90. Services will be extended all the way to Lower Bay Road from Waveland to businesses on both sides of the busy highway. (Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)

A review of the Community Relations Plan and the Clean-up Plan shows that the project is being conducted under an Administrative Order of Consent signed between Tennessee Gas and the EPA in August of 1994, but studies, both on site and off-site, have been taking place at the Ansley substation since 1987.

The Ansley substation is a natural gas compression station solely designed to compress gas and send the gas downstream through the pipeline that runs from Tennessee to south Louisiana. It is a 20-acre site, located 10 miles south from the Gulf of Mexico on Lower Bay Road, eight miles west of Hwy. 90 and 12 miles west of Bay St. Louis.

On site, there are eight gas compressor reciprocating engines and turbine engines housed in two commercial buildings.

Between the 1950's and the 1970's, Tennessee Gas used Pydraul, which until 1972 was a lubricating fluid containing Polychlorinated Biphenyls or

PCB's. The fluid was used to lubricate certain air compression systems at the station, but was reformulated in 1972 and no longer contained PCB's.

In 1994, Tennessee Gas decontaminated the compression air system, purged and dried the valves and tie-in lines, while selecting the ENVIRON Corp., of Princeton, N.J. to continue and expand extensive soil sampling and groundwater sampling on and off-site.

The results showed no groundwater contamination on or off-site, but consultants recommended that approximately 27 tons of on-facility surface soil needed to be removed. PCB contamination was found in soils surrounding the equipment garage and the wash and grease rack area.

In addition, consultants have recommended the removal of 300 tons of contaminated soil located in ditches running along Ansley Road.

Scott said all the contaminated soils will be disposed of at an EPA-approved landfill, and soils will be backfilled and replaced with clean fill.

TIDES

Mon. 2:19 p.	1:14 a.
Wed. 3:09 p.	2:11 a.
Thur. 3:57 p.	3:03 a.
Fri. 4:43 p.	3:49 a.
Sat. 5:22 p.	4:22 a.
Sun. 5:36 p.	4:36 a.

Calendar of Community Events

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OBITUARIES

AGNES DEVALL
EDITH M. DILLARD
CLARA McLEOD
EDWARD S. MICHEL
EDWARD E. SAUCIER

AGNES DEVALL

Agnes Devall, 79, of Pass Christian, died Wednesday, May 12, 1999, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Devall was a native of Hamburg, Ark. and a resident of the Gulf Coast for over 50 years. She was a member of the Interdenominational Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gary Wayne Devall.

Survivors include a daughter, Pat Hensley of Hurst, Texas; a son, Jeffery L. Devall of Gulfport; a sister, Margaret Hoak of Grueydon, La.; and four grandchildren.

Services were conducted Friday at Riemann Funeral Home Chapel in Gulfport. Burial was in Evergreen Gardens Cemetery in Gulfport.

EDITH M. DILLARD

Edith Mae Dillard, 77, of Picayune, died Tuesday, May 11, 1999, in Slidell.

Mrs. Dillard was a native of Logtown and was a homemaker. She was a member of Antioch Baptist Church in Picayune.

Survivors include two daughters, Dianne Lee of McNeill and Margaret Lee of Bienville; three sons, Johnny Dillard Jr. and Joseph Dillard, both of Picayune, and James Dillard of McNeill; two brothers, Delmar Dawsey of Picayune and Donald Dawsey of Pearlington; two sisters, Willie Ladner of Dedeaux and Mary Bucco of Bay St. Louis; 16 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Friday at Central Baptist Church in McNeill. Burial was in Turtleskin Cemetery in Picayune. Picayune Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CLARA McLEOD

Clara (Chrissy) Eley McLeod, 88, of Moss Point, MS died Thursday, May 13, 1999, in Moss Point.

Mrs. McLeod was born in Mobile, AL and was a school teacher in Bay St. Louis, Hurley and Moss Point School Systems. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Moss Point and a past president of the Fortnightly Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William (Flea) McLeod; a sister, Mary Elizabeth Flinn; and a brother, R.C. Eley Jr.

Survivors include two daughters, Ann Waller of Moss Point and Dotty Krebs of Hattiesburg; two sisters, Dorothy Jane of Moss Point and Virginia Thompson of Kingsport, Tenn.; five grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

A service will be held Sunday, May 16, 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Moss Point where friends may call from 1:30 p.m. until service time. Burial will be in Griffin Cemetery in Moss Point.

The family prefers memorial to the First Baptist Church of Moss Point.

Holder-Wells Funeral Home in Moss Point is in charge of arrangements.

EDWARD S. MICHEL

Edward S. Michel, 62, of Bay St. Louis, MS, died Saturday, May 15, 1999, in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

EDWARD E. SAUCIER

Edward E. Saucier, 75, of Poplarville, died Thursday, May 13, 1999, in Poplarville.

Mr. Saucier was retired from Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula and was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of Oak Hill United Pentecostal Church and a member of Sherrard Byrd Masonic Lodge 353.

Survivors include his wife, Nelda Barron Saucier; four sons, Larry E. Saucier, Paul Saucier, Robert W. Saucier and James Ray Saucier; three daughters, Donnie Carroll, Mary Helen Ladner and Cathy Peterson; two stepsons, Ronnie Brown, all of Poplarville, and Ricky Brown of Picayune; a stepdaughter, Karen Broads of Poplarville; a sister, Mable Saucier Pavolino of Bay St. Louis; two brothers, Billy Saucier and Bobby Saucier, both of Poplarville; 23 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday evening at White Funeral Home in Poplarville. Services were conducted Saturday at Oak Hill United Pentecostal Church. Burial was in Steep Hollow Cemetery.

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New WIC regulations set

New federal regulations require more information about identity, residence and income from individuals who seek WIC services -- that's jump-started training and information initiatives for program providers and participants.

WIC stands for Women, Infants and Children. WIC is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children whose lead agency here is Mississippi State Department of Health.

Participants are pregnant women, new mothers and breast-feeding women, infants and children up to five years of age who have nutrition-related risk conditions.

The Health Department's already training employees to help program participants meet the new requirements for proof of identity, residence and income.

And public health workers are developing information materials so clients will have handy written guidelines to help gather and present new documents required. Consumers with questions should call the local county health department.



Bowls 300 game

On April 23, during the Friday Night Out League, Barbara Postier was the first woman to bowl a "300" game for the Mississippi Gulf Coast Bowling Association. Postier's average for this bowling league is 184. Postier bowled her perfect game at Park Ten Lanes in Diamondhead. Postier and her husband, Norm, are the first husband and wife team to bowl a "300" game. Norm Postier bowled a perfect game at Park Ten Lanes in May of 1997. Barbara Postier is a member of the American Bowling Congress (A.B.C.) and the Women's International Bowling Congress (W.I.B.C.). She will be receiving a ring from both associations.

WXXV FOX to air Kelly Cup finals

The Mississippi Sea Wolves professional hockey team announces that WXXV FOX-25 will air each game played in Richmond, Va. during the 1999 Kelly Cup Finals. Games 3 and 4 of the best-of-seven series will be played in Richmond Wednesday, May 19 and Sunday, May 23.

Due to broadcast restrictions, both games will be tape-delayed, airing at 9 p.m. each night.

In the event the series goes to Game 6, that game will be played Friday, May 28 and will be broadcast live all along the Mississippi Gulf Coast at 6:30 p.m.

All three games can be still heard live on the WQYZ, The New "Q," flagship station of the Sea Wolves Radio network.

Bay High Touchdown Club to meet

The Bay High School Touchdown Club will start its 1999 season on Tuesday, May 18 at 6 p.m.

The meeting will take place in Room 26 at the Bay High School.

New officers will be selected for the upcoming season of Bay High Tiger football.

For information, contact Coach David Baughman at 466-4912.

"We're encouraging our staff to embrace this change toward better program management and improved service to our clients," said Curtis Jordan, director of the WIC Program.

"And we'll call on WIC families to help prevent traffic jams at the WIC certification desks by bringing the information required to their appointments for WIC certification," he said. "We're doing several things to help them know what they need to bring: publicity through the mass media, posters at the WIC Food Distribution Centers, and flyers in their monthly food packages, for example. We want this to be a smooth process."

Applicants for the WIC program will need to show documents about three factors for consideration:

- Identity -- a valid driver's license, current work or school ID card, certified birth certificate, or current military identification. One of the items.

- Residence -- a recent water, electricity, cable television, gas, or telephone bill, a current rental agreement, or a valid driver's license. One of

the items.

- Income -- Medicaid card, TANF or food Stamp eligibility notice, recent pay stubs, recent tax return, or a letter from the current employer. One item for each family member.

WIC clients apply to participate in the program at county health departments, rural primary care centers, some physicians' offices, and in some hospitals.

The individual's physician, nurse, or nutritionist decides if she and her children have a nutritional or medical risk. Some examples are iron-poor blood, low birth weight, and having babies close together.

Once certified, the family gets individual nutrition counseling, nutrition for pregnancy and breast-feeding, nutrition for infants from birth to one year, and nutrition for children from one to five years.

Participants can learn how to use the special WIC foods and how to plan healthy meals -- they can learn to build good food habits for a lifetime.

During FY 1998 Mississippi WIC distributed 1,180,798 monthly food packages at an average cost of \$29.38 per package. Mississippi's package cost is eight percent below the national average of \$31.70.

The savings is attributed to buying in quantity and competitive bid and distributing the food directly to participants from food distribution centers located in every county.

Operating in all 82 counties, WIC served an average of 98,400 participants each month. The program serves 66 percent of the potentially eligible population.

WIC serves 100 percent of eligible babies, age one year and under, which represents more than 73 percent of all babies born in the state. Some 30,661 babies get help from WIC.

WIC provides a special breast-feeding information and support program to help women make informed choices about how to feed their babies.

The program includes up-to-date information on breast-feeding, prenatal classes and support groups, peer counselors, consultation with a lactation specialist for special questions, and free use of breast devices as needed.

WIC also offers special food packages with tuna, carrots and extra cheese for mothers who totally breast-feed.

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At Jazz Fest

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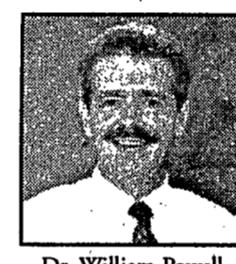
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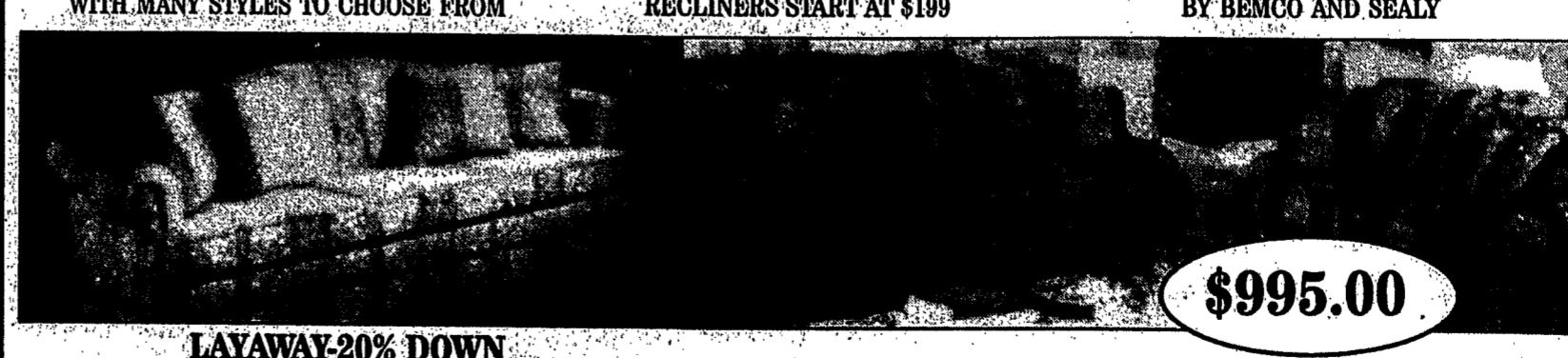
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By Ellis C. Cuevas

Just taking a drive about the area and one will realize this is the year when state, district and county officials are elected to serve us for the next four years.

We have received a news release from the three-member elected Mississippi Transportation Commission reporting that they have voted unanimously to begin strictly enforcing regulations pertaining to political sign advertising.

As we are aware, Hancock County is criss-crossed with highways.

The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) will begin removing signs posted on highway rights-of-way beginning June 1.

I realize that political signs are very expensive, so candidates need to make sure their posters and signs are not on highway property.

MDOT will collect the illegally posted signs and maintenance will hold the salvagable signs for a reasonable period.

If I am not mistaken, both the cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland have ordinances about the posting of signs.

I realize there are many residents who are calling candidates to place signs, and this is good, but they need to be placed on their properties and not on state or city properties.

On Thursday afternoon I received a telephone call from West Hancock Volunteer Fire Chief Sam Bailey, who said he received at first what he thought may be a strange request, then again after thinking about it, it may not be a bad idea.

A person called and wanted to know if the Pearlington Fire Department would have a hospital bed a member of their family could use for rehabilitation.

Bailey feels that there may be some residents about county who may have a hospital bed sitting idle and not being used.

If someone has a hospital bed not in use, his department will it pickup, Bailey says, clean it up, and deliver it to the Pearlington resident.

Whenever they are finished with it, they will collect it and return it to the owner, or if they want to make a donation to the fire department that would be great, too.

If you can help, call Fire Chief Bailey at 533-0050.

P.S. West Hancock County Fire Department has gotten good use out of several electric wheel chairs which were sitting idle at several folks' homes.

Congratulations are in order for Leo Seal Jr., of Bay St. Louis, who is to receive an honorary doctorate from Mississippi State University.

Seal, who is CEO of Hancock Bank, John H. Bryan Jr., West Point, CEO of Sara Lee Corporation and Jerry Charles F. Sumrall, dean of engineering at MSU, are the first to receive an honorary degree from Mississippi State.

Seal is to receive the Doctorate of Public Service degree. As many of you know, he has been active on a local, state and national level working for the advancement of the Mississippi Gulf Coast and State of Mississippi.

I feel no one from our area is more deserving than Seal to receive such a great honor from Mississippi State University.

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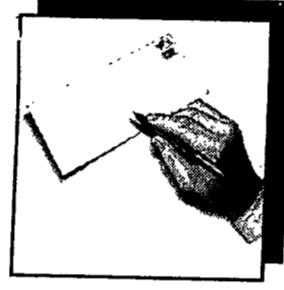
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1949 State boxing champs

The St. Stanislaus' 1949 boxing team captured the state title in boxing. The SSC boxers who captured state titles were Gene Schwartz, Tony Stimmel, Paul Palermo, Jake Morreale, Jimmy Curran, and Johnny Labruso. In the 1940's boxing was one of the best attended sporting high school events at St. Stanislaus and Bay High. Between the two Bay schools, came 65-75 percent of the state champions. Members of the boxing team included, front row from left, Jimmy Curran, Gene Schwartz, Bobby Mills, Paul Palermo, and Tony Stimmel; second row, Jim Whitmann,

manager; Johnny Labruso, Walter Powell, Joe David, Frank Dominic, Don Haas, Jake Morreale and A.J. Chiniche. The team's coach was Dick Thamnes. Palermo, who submitted the photo added that Stanislaus repeated as state champs in 1950 and 1951, then boxing was dropped in Mississippi high schools. (Photo courtesy of Paul Palermo of New Orleans and Waveland). The Echo welcomes photos older than 25 years for publication. They will be returned to their owners.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Candidates' signs considered litter by Bay resident

Dear Editor:

I have noticed an increase in vertical "litter" signs, campaign signs on the rights-of-way on most streets and highways throughout Hancock County since it is an election year.

Do the candidates think we are stupid? It is easy to see whose signs are in people's yards or by businesses, and that's fine, but candidates who slap signs all over telephone poles, on trees, in ditches and street corners insult those of us with half a brain.

Reader says candidates need to pay attention to petitioners

Dear Editor:

I would like to point out something to the politicians on the Hancock County Solid Waste Authority. Over 5,700 signatures were verified on a petition asking for a referendum about the mega-dump in the Buffer Zone.

In 1995 just over 7,600 people voted in the local election for the same offices that are up for grabs now. There is a lot of competition this time.

I have heard that three of the members of the Solid Waste

Authority were still for the dump and three are against it.

I think the three who are still for the dump ought to mull over the statistics. Even though the 5,700 signatures, which easily translates into 5,700 votes, would be divided somewhat by districts there is still the possibility of a great loss of support. Think about it!

Sincerely,
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WASHINGTON REPORT

By State Senator
Thad Cochran

Cochran pledges Congress' support to provide necessary funding for National Guard

Senator Thad Cochran pledged his assistance to ensure that Congress provides the necessary funding to protect the men and women serving in the Army and Air National Guard units as they are sent on missions in Kosovo and elsewhere to protect the interests of the United States. Cochran's remarks came during a Defense Appropriations hearing held today to discuss the fiscal year 2000 budget for the National Guard.

We understand the stresses that you are under now trying to match the needs that you have with the funding available under this president's budget. We're pleased to see some increases in the budget this year to reflect the growing importance of air and army national guard units," Cochran said to senior National Guard officials.

Cochran assured the senior military officials at the hearing that "we're going to do everything we can to be sure that Congress responds to ensure that you have the funds you need to do your job."

Cochran acknowledged that the Guard commanders were busy complying with the call up order issued by the Department of Defense and mentioned that there were already Guard and reserve forces supporting the Kosovo mission, including the 186th Air Refueling Wing based in Meridian.

The Senator questioned Lt. General Russell C. Davis, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, about what the Guard was doing to assist families and employers when National Guard

and reserve personnel are called to duty. Davis responded that they were holding seminars and working to educate families and employers about what is happening and why it is necessary to have their employees away, while providing suggestions about how to handle an employee's absence.

Cochran also discussed the planned engagement of the multi-purpose range at Camp Shelby and questioned Major General Roger C. Schultz, Director of the Army National Guard, about the importance of the improved range to Guard readiness and urged the Committee to support the needed funding for completion of the project.

General Schultz said that the ranges at Camp Shelby are considered a "treasure" in terms of resources for training soldiers.

He said that the Guard Bureau is working on phase three of the project and that the environmental impact statement was completed.

Cochran also discussed the timetable for deployment of the new C-17 aircraft to the Mississippi Air National Guard's 172nd Airlift Wing in Jackson, which will be the first guard unit in the country to receive the aircraft.

He questioned the Director of the Air National Guard, Major General Paul A. Weaver, about the possibility that the C-17's would be delivered earlier than expected.

General Weaver assured the Senator that the Guard is preparing to accept the C-17's, not only on time but possibly ahead of schedule.

Letters Welcome

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers on subjects of general interest. Letters must be signed and include address or phone number so that the sender can be contacted by the newspaper if necessary. Letters should be brief, preferably typed, written and double spaced, and conform to standards of good taste. Only one letter per writer per month will be published. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters.

Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are considered inappropriate for the *Letters to the Editor* columns.

—Ellis C. Cuevas, publisher



Drums biting

The Echo was called to the Garfield-Ladner Pier in Waveland last week when a fishing party landed six big drums weighing from 28 to 60 pounds. From left are: Darel "Termite" Evans of Bay St. Louis; D.A. "Crocodile" Gunday of Slidell; Ira Wood of Bay St. Louis; and Michael Freeman of Bay St. Louis. (Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)

Registration begins for Hancock Library's Summer Reading Program

Registration for the Hancock County Library System's 1999 Summer Reading Program will begin Monday, May 17, according to David Woodburn, library system public services coordinator.

"Mississippi Magic" is the theme for this year's program, which is open to children and young adults, pre-school age through eighth grade. Programs and activities will begin Tuesday, June 1.

Programs will be held Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Waveland Library; Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Bay St. Louis Library; Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Kiln Library; and Fridays at 10 a.m. at the Pearlington Public Library.

Each registrant will receive a reading record, book bag and pencil with which to record books read, and those who complete the program will receive a certificate.

Awards and certificates will be presented the week of July 6. A library card is required to check out all books, which may be checked out at any of the library system's four branches.

To register, children should go to the library branch nearest them, and then visit a branch at least four times during the program and check out at least six books between June 1 and July 2.

To validate each visit, each reading record must be stamped. Merit stamps will be awarded for every five books read beyond the basic goal of six books.

A display of space suits and information about space, a visit from the Mississippi Sea Wolves, fish prints, storytellers, and a bicycle safety are just some of the programs and activities scheduled.

For information, contact Woodburn or Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis Library; 467-5282; Evelyn Neece, Waveland Library, 467-9240; Sandra Ladner, Kiln Library, 255-1724; or Caprice Smith, Pearlington Library 533-0755.



Boat donated

Cubans being detained at Hancock County Jail for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service donated this beautifully crafted wooden boat that was auctioned off at the recent Hope Haven Extravaganza.

Extravaganza nets Hope Haven \$10,000

BY ED LEPOMA

The recent Hope Haven Extravaganza, hosted by Casino Magic, brought in \$10,000 for the local children's shelter, according to Terry Latham, director.

The event featured Kings and Queens from various Coast Carnival Krewe, who paraded, threw beads and issued a joint Royal Decree against child abuse.

Entertainment featured the spectacular Silver City Band, Jennifer Morales, a local singing sensation, who performed at last year's event, and the Arabesque teen dancers under the direction of Miranda Comptessa.

Sixteen-year-old Sarah Caliva from Diamondhead, moved the guests to tears with her rendition of "Pity all the Children," a song about child abuse composed specifically for the event.

Krewe participating included: the Krewe of Gemini, Krewe of Selene, Krewe of El-Mar, Krewe of Venus, Krewe of Orange Grove, and Krewe of Kamehameha.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to Karen Petit and Rose Hobbs as volunteers of the year, and a special award went to Terri Downie of Diamondhead for helping to raise almost \$50,000 for Hope Haven over the last four years.

Mary Carpenter, Hope Haven vice-president thanked many supporters for their help. "Casino Magic gives so much back to the local community through hosting many charity events, such as this, and some of their staff worked that night without pay just to help out," said Carpenter.

"Local businesses, such as D. and K Quick Stops, Park Ten Lanes, Bay City Grill and Carole's Old Towne donated food, and the Hancock County Sheriff's Department pitched in and helped in many ways," she added.

One of the most unusual items donated for the silent auction was a five-foot-long model boat, constructed by Cubans being held for the U.S. Immigration Service in the county jail. It was donated, "In the Memory of Jolene," the wife of one of the men.

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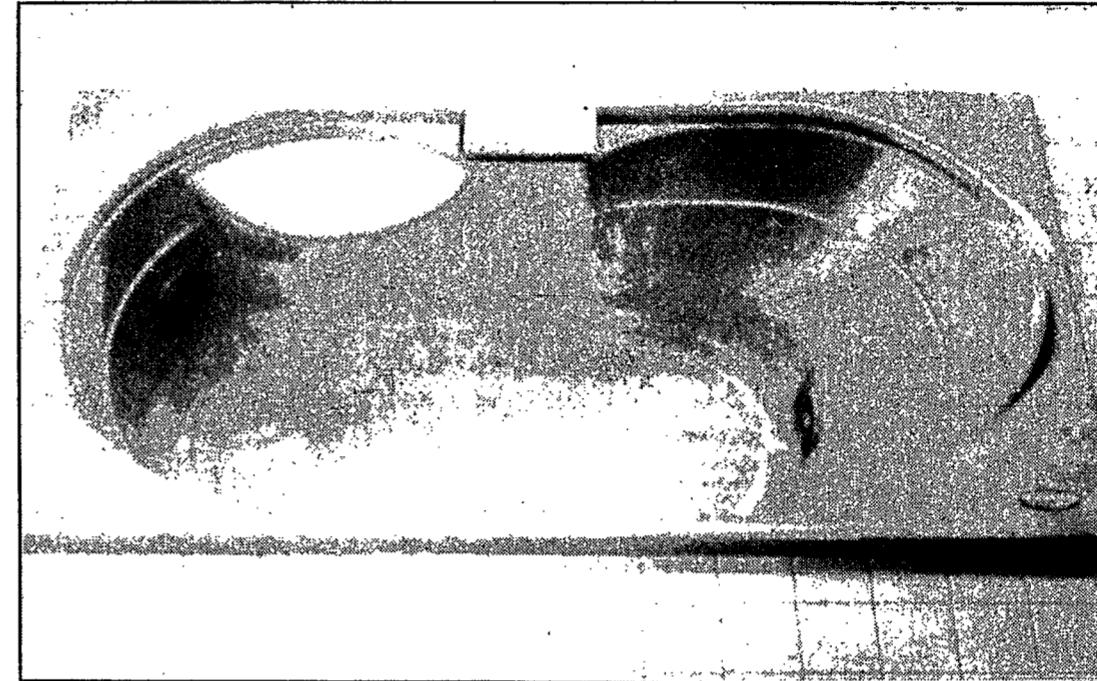
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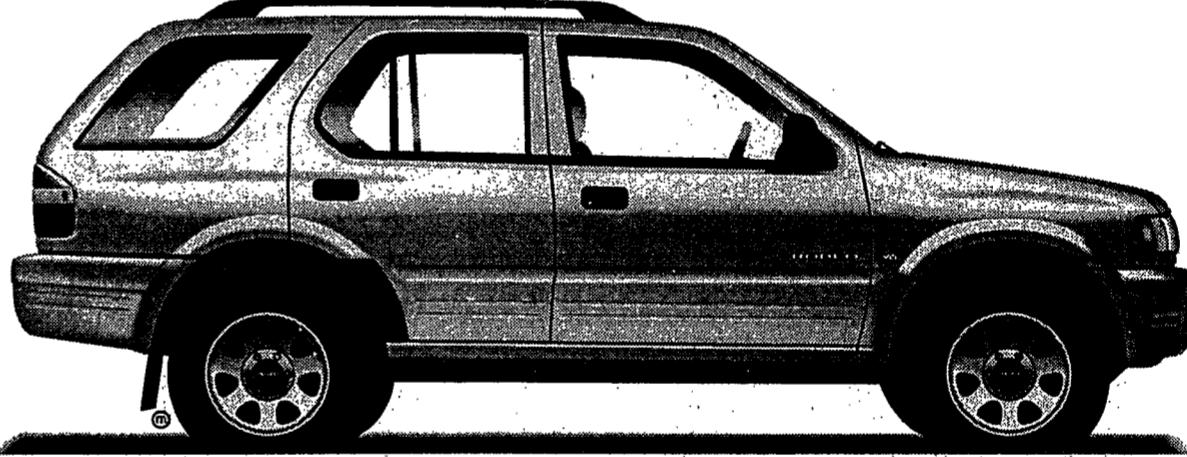


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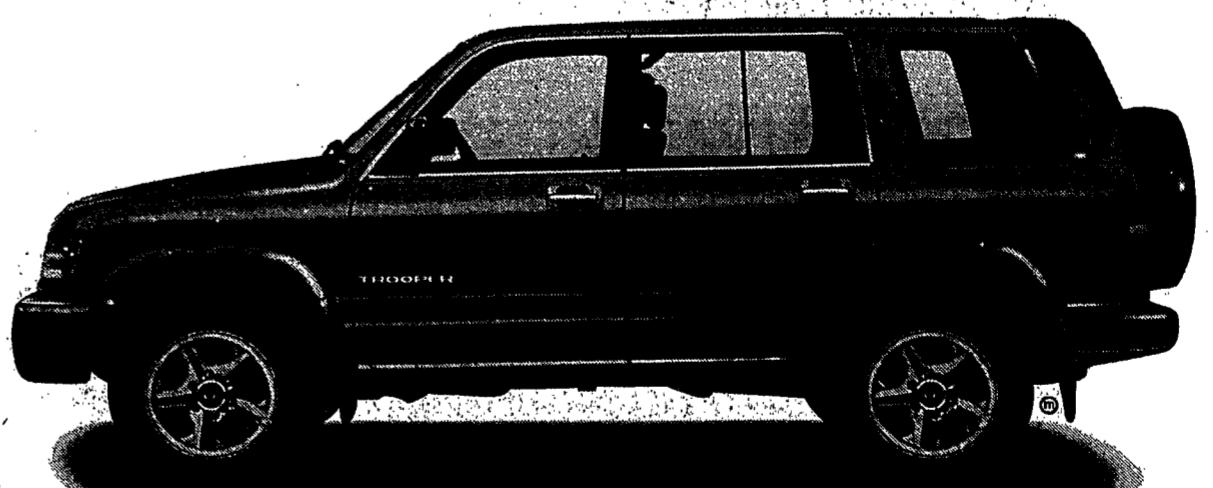
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Dessert servers

Hancock Medical Center employees who served dessert at the employee BBQ/picnic Friday, dressed 1950's style. Among the dessert servers were, from left, Tina Schultz, Brandon Slocum, Fredia Eley, Mike Faul, Nona Morlan, Janelle Kern and, seated, The Rev. Charles Johnson, HMC trustee president.

Popular Springs Lake Gulf of Mexico Project

The city took some flak for buying a five-acre hole in the ground, but Poplarville Alderman John Grant had a vision of a community fishing lake, so a hole in the ground made perfect sense to him and other city officials.

That vision is now a reality and Poplar Springs Lake is open to the public and a case study for environmental efficiency working in concert with economic growth.

Though not officially opened until May 15, according to Grant, the lake has already been put to good use by biology students at Pearl River Community College, where Grant is a physics professor and department chair.

The students have conducted several field lab exercises. Grant said the city hopes eventually to build a paved jogging or walking track around the lake so the community can enjoy yet another facet of the project, and the local Boy Scout troop is discussing the feasibility of establishing a nature trail.

But perhaps the greatest fringe benefit of the lake project is the environmental example it sets. As a result of efforts from the Gulf of Mexico Program at the John C. Stennis Space Center, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, the State of Mississippi's Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks, the city of Poplarville, and Pearl River County, the Poplar Springs Lake features a dual cell wetlands filtration system.

The filtration system, funded by a \$21,000 grant from the Gulf of Mexico Program and designed by NRCS engineers, allows solid materials to settle and removes dissolved pollutants before the runoff enters the lake.

And, through the lake is approximately 50 miles north of the Gulf of Mexico, the five states bordering the gulf benefit from improved water quality.

Historic Preservation meet set

The Mississippi Historic Preservation Professional Review Board will meet May 20 at 1 p.m. in the second-floor conference room of the Charlotte Capers Archives and History Building in Jackson.

At this meeting, various properties around the state will be considered for a recommended listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The resulting recommendations will be forwarded to the United States Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C. for a final review.

The Department of Archives and History is the official State Historic Preservation Office in Mississippi and handles all requests for National Register information and assistance.

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ty since the streams leading from the lake flow into the Hobolochitto, then the Pearl River, and in turn the Gulf of Mexico.

"This project shows how small efforts benefit the larger picture of the Gulf," said Bryon Griffith of Waveland, the Gulf of Mexico Program deputy director.

Residents of the five Gulf Coast states are, after all, one community with only one Gulf to protect. What happens off the coast of Mississippi is important to the coast of Florida, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas, and what happens in those waters is important and has an effect on Mississippi."

According to Griffith, the project meets one of the program's goals of maintaining and improving Gulf habitats that support living resources. "Specifically, it responds to our objective of protecting and restoring key Gulf habitats, including coastal wetlands, submerged aquatic vegetation, important upland areas, and marine and offshore areas," he said.

David Smith of NRCS explained that the upper cell of the filtration system catches sediment and dirt while the lower system consists of a variety of hydrophytic plants which filter the water before it goes into the lake.

NRCS designed the lake structure and the principal spillway, as well as the actual wetlands filtration system, which was completed May 5, 1998. They also provided engineering and surveying capabilities at no charge to the city.

According to Grant, the project truly was a partnership. The Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Department contributed \$10,000 to the project and helped the city develop a management plan.

The department also stocked the lake with fish. Pearl River county also contributed \$10,000 and the use of county equipment. The city of Poplarville made the initial land purchase at a cost of about \$12,000.

Grant said construction of the lake began in the summer of 1996.

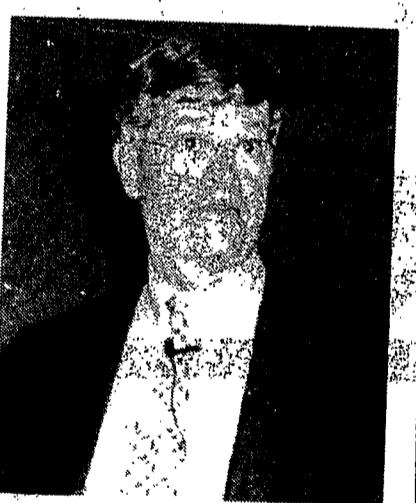
The property was formerly an ugly excavation site resulting from when the Mississippi Department of Transportation relocated Hwy. 26 through the

city," he said. "We bought the eyesore from the highway project contractor and took some public heat for buying what was essentially considered a hole in the ground. But to build a lake, a hole in the ground is exactly what you need."

The lake is located just off I-59 on Hwy. 26 within the city limits of Poplarville -- about 22 miles north of Picayune.

The Gulf of Mexico Program is underwritten by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and is a non-regulatory, inclusive consortium of state and federal government agencies, and representatives of the business and agricultural community, fishing industry, scientists, environmentalists, and community leaders from all five Gulf Coast states.

The Gulf Program seeks to improve the environmental health of the Gulf in concert with economic development.



Rev. Keith Tonkel

The Rev. Keith Tonkel, Sunday School teacher and ministerial director of The United Methodist Hour, Jackson, "Time That Makes A Difference," shown each Sunday morning on WLOX-TV, is shown explaining the meaning of the letters on the cross at "Revive Us Again" at Main Street United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis. Joining Rev. Tonkel, formerly of Bay St. Louis, and providing the music during the three-day revival, was Helen Evans, director of Music Ministries at Trinity United Methodist Church in Gulfport. Rev. Tonkel also led a two-day "Brown Bag Fellowship" where attendees were able to bring their own lunch and enjoy a special time of prayer, reflection and fellowship during their lunch hours.

Appreciation service set at Bay church

Triumph the Church and Kingdom of God in Christ, 456 Easterbrook Street, Bay St. Louis, will host an appreciation service for Mother Mary Johnson on Sunday, May 16, 3 p.m. Guest pastor will be Rev. L. E. Morris Sr. of Waveland, pastor of the New Home Baptist Church, Gautier.

Elder Jordan Bush is shepherd. The public is invited.

Rev. Morris to head reunion

Antioch Baptist Church, Three Rivers, Miss., will have revival services Monday-Wednesday, May 31-June 2 at 7 p.m.

Evangelist will be Rev. L. E. Morris Sr. of Waveland, pastor of the New Home Missionary Baptist Church, Gautier.

Rev. C. V. Taylor is pastor. The public is invited.

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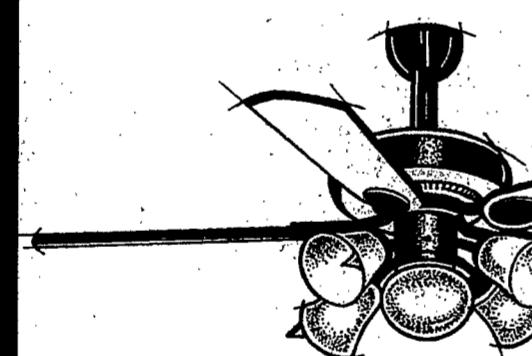
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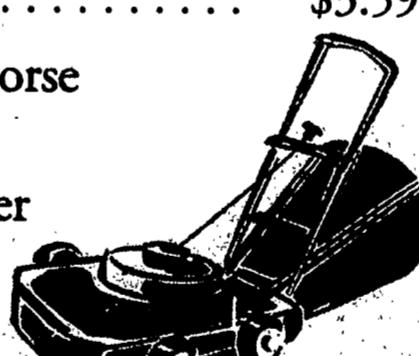
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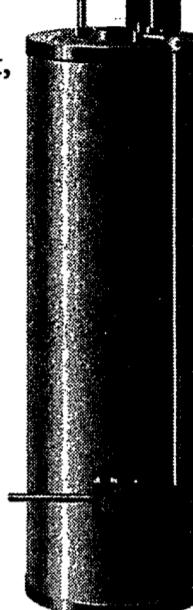
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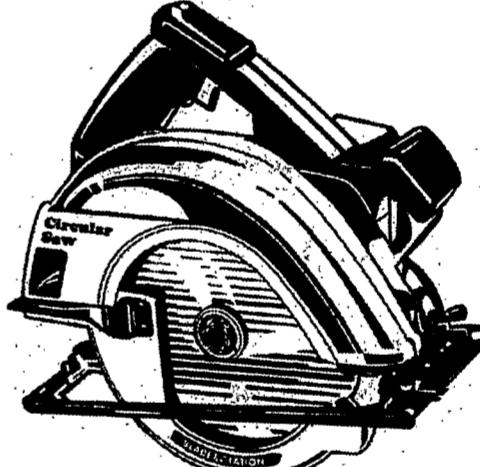
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Sullinger Mercedes B., littering, fined \$127.

Carter Kresta D., speeding, fined \$52.

Sullinger Mercedes B., speeding, fined \$72.

Josey Keith L., speeding, fined \$72.

Howard Brandy Elaine, speeding, fined \$92.

Breun James A., expired sticker, fined \$37; driving license suspended, fined \$227.

Poolson Joe Ann, driving license suspended, fined \$227.

Breun James A., speeding, fined \$62; expired sticker, fined \$43.

Henning Ray W., speeding, fined \$102.

Pertuit Chris, no drivers license, fined \$58.

Sullinger Mercedes B., speeding, fined \$62; driving license suspended, fined \$233.

Henning Ray W., speeding, fined \$108.

Dixon Joel, expired drivers license, fined \$64.

Garry Larry, no drivers license, improper equipment, affidavit withdrawn.

Henning Ray W., speeding, fined \$108.

Breun James A., expired sticker, fined \$49; driving license suspended, fined \$239; seatbelt violation, fined \$25.

Lander William T., speeding, fined \$143; reckless driving, fined \$88; expired tag, fined \$93.50.

Myers Timothy M., expired tag, fined \$108.50.

Sullinger Mercedes B., driving license suspended, fined \$239.

Penton Timothy W., speeding, fined \$68.

Foster Norman Paul, driving license suspended, fined \$239.

Knell Robert R., speeding, fined \$68.

Pertuit Christopher D., speeding, fined \$88.

Fontenberry Christopher M., speeding, fined \$68; no drivers license, fined \$63.

Necaise Charles Edward, forgery, passed to file.

Myers Timothy M., driving license suspended, fined \$64.

Tarver William F. Jr., speeding, fined \$68.

Holbrook Kelley, speeding, fined \$88; expired sticker, fined \$49.

Carter Twana S., speeding, fined \$68.

Felder Marenada L., speeding, fined \$108.

Chin Joshua R., littering, fined \$158.50.

Jarvis Helen P., speeding, fined \$68.

Kuntz Kimberly D., speeding, fined \$108.

Butler Eugene M. Jr., ran stop sign, fined \$68; driving license suspended, fined \$390; seatbelt violation, fined \$25.

Parnell Kenneth T., speeding, fined \$88.

Doughty Jesse David, speeding, fined \$108.

Cortez Dora E., careless driving, fined \$68.

Billeaud Krystal H., speeding, fined \$68.

Hartman Sheryl A., expired sticker, fined \$49.

Parnell Kenneth T., speeding, fined \$68.

Clark James M., expired sticker, fined \$49; no drivers license, fined \$64.

Ribarich Donald M., speeding, fined \$143; no drivers license, fined \$64.

Bennett Brian M., speeding, fined \$68.

May Brenda F., speeding, fined \$68.

Banks Clifford Juner Jr., speeding, fined \$143.

Reyes Miguel Antonio, speeding, fined \$108.

Flowers Heather Free, speeding, fined \$108.

Corbell Rory Z., speeding, fined \$128.

Byrd Steven M., speeding, fined \$68.

Perrone Kieth, tag violation, fined \$93.50; driving license suspended, fined \$229.

Brignac Jesse, assault/simple, 90 days suspended sentence conditioned upon payment of medical bills.

Young Robert A., speeding, fined \$128.

Southall Ricky Carl, speeding, fined \$88.

Vandstrand Julian L., speeding, fined \$143.

Ladner Rickey D., expired sticker, fined \$49.

Galle Richard A., expired drivers license, affidavit withdrawn.

Spiers Sybil A., improper equipment, two counts, fined \$64 each; seatbelt violation, fined \$25.

McLaurin Melanie J., speeding, affidavit withdrawn.

Necaise Garland J., speeding, fined \$88.

Camp Billy Joe, speeding, fined \$88.

Begg Harry T. III, speeding, fined \$108.

Haley Eugene Michael, DUI 1st offense, fined \$488; reckless driving, not guilty.

Spires Tommy L., DUI 2nd offense, fined \$838; driving license suspended, fined \$395; careless driving, dismissed.

Necaise John E., speeding, fined \$68.

Ray Bambi Leann, speeding, fined \$108.

Romfanger Timothy J., speeding, fined \$108.

Shamblin Richard, drunk/

public, fined \$108.50.

Stone Stacey D., ran stop sign, affidavit withdrawn.

Malley Leeann S., expired drivers license, fined \$64.

Ray Sandro Bruce, speeding, fined \$88.

Henning Ray W., speeding, fined \$108.

Bouler Cleo Jerome, speeding, fined \$89.

Barron Christopher G., speeding, affidavit withdrawn.

Stadler William N. Jr., speeding, fined \$128.

Poyadou Heidi L., speeding, fined \$93.

Goss Emmett, expired sticker, fined \$49.

Young Brent Sterling, DUI 1st offense, fined \$463; possession of paraphernalia, fined \$186.50.

Cantu Nieves J., oyster violation, fined \$197.

Wheat Jerri L., expired sticker, fined \$49.

Mills Douglas C., expired sticker, fined \$49.

Hingle Rodney Anthony, DUI 1st offense, fined \$463; driving license suspended, fined \$390; ran stop sign, fined \$68.

Young Brent Sterling, careless driving, fined \$68.

Germany John T., speeding, fined \$108.

Rowe Vance M., driving license suspended, fined \$390.

Peranich David L., DUI 1st offense, fined \$488.

North Nadina J., speeding, fined \$89.

Thompson Michael J. Jr., PFD's/no, fined \$102.

Thompson Todd, skiing without observer, fined \$102.

Willette Donna L., no drivers license, fined \$64; seatbelt violation, fined \$25.

Remmers Stephen J., ran stop sign, fined \$68.

Bennett Robert D., ran stop sign, fined \$68; driving license suspended, fined \$395.

Souza Wayne M., speeding, fined \$68.

Triplett Harold L., improper equipment, fined \$64; State Tax Comm. violation, fined \$133.50.

Thomas Randy L., boating under the influence, fined \$488; reckless driving, fined \$63.

Craven Raymond H., speeding, fined \$108.

Ladner Curvic C., no drivers license, fined \$64; improper equipment, fined \$64.

Culipher Carrie C., careless driving, fined \$68.

Garcia Oscar, drunk/public, fined \$308.50.

Burr James, Trespassing, passed to file.

Wilson Bridget J., speeding, affidavit withdrawn.

Taylor Michael D., speeding, fined \$108.

Fagan Martha M., DUI 1st offense, fined \$1,168; careless driving, fined \$20; no drivers license, dismissed.

Penton Gregory W., speeding, fined \$68.

Mills Douglas C., reckless operation, fined \$102.

St. Clair Peter Thomas, PFD's/insufficient, fined \$77.

Necaise Kleatis G., speeding, fined \$68.

Knockum Willard, speeding, fined \$73.

Proctor Yolanda, speeding, fined \$108.

Stiglet Joseph, driving license suspended, not guilty.

Windmann Eric I., speeding, fined \$113.

Brunson Clayton S II, speeding, fined \$93.

Boleware Matthew R., speeding, fined \$128.

Foret Nicholas B., driving license suspended, tag violation, two counts, dismissed; DUI/drugs/other substances, fined \$488.

Herring Edward, improper passing, fined \$49.

Whitfield Carnell, driving license suspended, fined \$465.

Gomillion Nichole S., ran red light, fined \$73.

Ladner Donald L., speeding, fined \$73.

Stroud Charles E., careless driving, affidavit withdrawn.

Humber James W., expired drivers license, fined \$69.

Piner Herman Howard, DUI 2nd offense, fined \$838; driving license suspended, fined \$395; improper lane usage, not guilty.

Jackson Andrew B., expired tag, affidavit withdrawn.

Campos Larita L., speeding, fined \$73.

Smith Nathan L., speeding, fined \$93.

Ashworth Celeste Gay, speeding, fined \$113.

Stringer Michael Dean, controlled substance, passed to file; PFD's/insufficient, dismissed.

Trybuski Kevin A., boating under the influence, fined \$488; controlled substance, passed to file; wildlife conservation violation, fined \$177; PFD's/insufficient, fined \$177.

Gerster Glen K., PFD's/insufficient, fined \$102.

Lacoste Leonard B., wildlife conservation violation, fined \$77.

Sternberger Randy J., skiing without observer, fined \$102.

Rothwell Kenneth, wildlife conservation violation, fined \$77.

Laird James A. Jr., skiing without observer, fined \$102.

Runnels Joseph, skiing without observer, fined \$102; wildlife conservation violation, fined \$102.

Danna Louis, PFD's/insufficient, fined \$102.

Baker Brian, PFD's/insufficient, fined \$102.

Malley Kenneth, PFD's/insufficient, fined \$102.

Ireland Sean M., ran stop sign, fined \$68.

Bolton Angela D., reckless driving, fined \$88; expired tag, fined \$93.50.

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Poirier David, skiing without observer, fined \$102.
Housey Daniel H., PFD's/insufficient, fined \$102.
Rothwell Kenneth, PFD's/insufficient, fined \$77.
English Robby, molesting, passed to file.
Magill John Fraser, DUI 1st offense, fined \$488; driving license suspended, dismissed.
Berry Jack, disturbance of family, passed to file.
Caple Cecil, assault/simple, not guilty.
Myers Timothy M., driving license suspended, fined \$69; improper equipment, fined \$69.
Holder Anthony W., speeding, fined \$73.
Galloway Leon, no drivers license, fined \$69.
Lacoste Irving, reckless driving, fined \$93.
Sanchez Carlos Oscar Ordóñez, no drivers license, fined \$69; seatbelt violation, fined \$25.
Doyle Eddie J., no child restraint, fined \$69.
Holliday Michael R., speeding, fined \$113.
Farve Marty A., speeding, fined \$113.
Nickels Joyce R., speeding, fined \$133.
Skernetta Peter M. Jr., speeding, fined \$133.
Williston Megan E., speeding, affidavit withdrawn.
Orio Marvin A., speeding, fined \$133.
Cato Wesley K., speeding, fined \$148.
Cummings Jimmy R., speeding, fined \$113; no drivers license, fined \$69.
Davidson Scott A., speeding, fined \$113.
Canon Nathan M., speeding, fined \$133.
Burnett Tennille S., speeding, fined \$73.
Waldroup Linda Del Aguila, speeding, fined \$70.
Nichols Lylie C., speeding, fined \$73.
Magnon Emilie A., speeding, fined \$73.
Holt Seth K., speeding, fined \$93.
Benton Melissa M., speeding, fined \$93.
Baron Rebecca A., speeding, fined \$93.
Shiyou Norman J., speeding, fined \$93.
Nguyen Thanh H., speeding, fined \$113.
Clark Michael J., speeding, fined \$113.
Mitchell Roy R., expired sticker, fined \$54.
Warren Shawn H., expired sticker, fined \$54.
Caudill Joshua L., expired sticker, fined \$54.
Capooth William K., expired sticker, fined \$54; speeding, fined \$73; expired tag, fined \$93.50.
Bourgeois Hank J., speeding, fined \$93.
Galarza Troy A., no drivers license, fined \$69; seatbelt violation, fined \$25.
Fricke Clyde D. Jr., speeding, fined \$73.
McNamey Samuel W. III, speeding, fined \$73.
May Brenda F., speeding, fined \$73.
Williams Felicia V., speeding, fined \$113.
Lampey Carlos R., speeding, fined \$148.
Wager Theresa, no drivers license, fined \$69.
Necaise Veda M., speeding, fined \$73; tint law violation, fined \$69.
Weiss Christopher E., speeding, fined \$73.
Miller Jeremy A., speeding, fined \$93; driving license suspended, fined \$244.
Raphael Dwayne J., expired sticker, fined \$54; improper equipment, fined \$69.
Holston Nancy S., expired sticker, fined \$54.
Pace Darryl D., expired drivers license, fined \$69.
Freese John D., speeding, fined \$93.
McNabb Morris Joseph, speeding, fined \$113.
Rollins John Jr., speeding, fined \$113.
Dandridge Tyra G., speeding, fined \$113.
Goudy Mary J., speeding, fined \$148.
Galarza Troy A., driving license suspended, fined \$244.
Ingle Phillip O., State Tax Comm. violation, fined \$133.50.
Costantino Phillip S. Jr., failed to dim headlights, fined \$73.
Thigpen Jeremy, sea trout/undersized, fined \$177.
Wilson Travis E., PFD's/insufficient, fined \$102; wildlife conservation violation, fined \$102.
Lee Billy P., ran stop sign, fined \$73.
Weysham Lloyd J. III, ran stop sign, fined \$73.
Gorman Kari, driving license suspended, fined \$244.
Black Charles A., expired sticker, fined \$54; drivers license violation, fined \$69.
Argueta German, leaving the scene, bound over to Grand Jury; Public Service Comm. violation, two counts, passed to file.
English Cory A., ran stop sign, fined \$73.
Black Charles A., speeding, fined \$133.
Wilder James C., ran stop sign, fined \$73.
Singletary Eddie E., ran stop sign, fined \$93; failed to yield blue

light, fined \$73; driving license suspended, not guilty.
Necaise Randy S., no drivers license, fined \$69.
Dangelo Eric J., speeding, fined \$113.

Month Michael J. Jr., speeding, fined \$93.
Goins Raymond A., expired tag, fined \$93.50.

Peacock Darren R., no drivers license, fined \$69.

Ferrill Katrina D., no sticker, fined \$54.

Anderson Joe L., operating oversized vehicle, fined \$133.50.

Thompson Matthew J., reckless operation, fined \$102.

Penole Robert S., fishing without license, fined \$102.

Perkins David A., trespassing/posted land, fined \$102.

Hardy Michael, speeding, fined \$148.

Homan Daniel L., DUI 2nd offense, fined \$838; careless driving, not guilty.

Oliver Tracy J., DUI 1st offense, not guilty.

Fore W. C., assault/simple, not guilty.

Bye Fred A., reckless driving, fined \$93.

Anderson Andrew, failed to yield right-of-way, fined \$73.

Shiyou Sylvia L., speeding, fined \$73.

Dorsey Wilbert J., ran stop sign, fined \$73.

Jackson Denise R., improper turn, fined \$73.

Peterson Diane Kelly, driving without headlight, fined \$73.

Verrett Troy, expired tag, fined \$93.50.

Wood Laura, expired tag, fined \$93.50.

Farve Jason M., ran stop sign, affidavit withdrawn.

Shambin Michael Earl, expired tag, fined \$93.50.

Easterling Brian D., expired tag, fined \$93.50.

Bordes Mary E., no drivers license, fined \$69.

Zoerner Michael, no drivers license, fined \$69.

Spears Neal A., improper equipment, fined \$69.

Magill John, simple assault domestic, 30 days suspended sentence, no further violation toward victim.

Manuel Julia Dawn, DUI 4th, 5th, 6th, etc., waived preliminary hearing, driving license suspended, reckless driving, passed to file.

Barlow Jon C., speeding, fined \$73.

Cuevas Darla J., speeding, fined \$93.

Shiyou Norman J., speeding, fined \$93.

Rodrigue Randall J., speeding, fined \$95.

Harloe Jenna L., speeding, fined \$113.

Buck Charles J., speeding, fined \$113.

Travis Don F., speeding, affidavit withdrawn.

English Cory A., speeding, fined \$133.

Anthony Cheryl Etta A., speeding, fined \$133.

Garrett Elizabeth, expired sticker, fined \$54.

Nelson James N., no child restraint, fined \$69.

Garrett Elizabeth, expired tag, fined \$93.50.

Enot Rita L., improper lane usage, fined \$73.

Nguyen Tam V., speeding, fined \$148.

Nguyen Tam V., seatbelt violation, fined \$25.

Atkinson Calvin C., speeding, fined \$113; no drivers license, fined \$69.

Simmons Shane, assault/simple, fined \$206.50.

Beta Bryon, ran stop sign, fined \$73; expired tag, fined \$93.50.

Cazalas Leland Burgers, improper equipment, not guilty.

Whitney Kristian P., PFD's/no, fined \$102.

Price Stephanie T., sea trout/undersized, fined \$177.

Clement Jimmy, fishing without license, fined \$102, PFD's/no, fined \$102.

Perron Blaine Jr., assault/simple, not guilty.

Vance Lesley Ann, speeding, fined \$93.

Mailhot Ronald L., speeding, fined \$94.

Sumich Viki Roni, speeding, fined \$93.

Menaro Brannon Lee, speeding, fined \$113.

O'Brien Terrence Xavier, speeding, fined \$113.

Lanning Russell W. Jr., improper passing, fined \$73.

Scaccia Vincent F., improper passing, affidavit withdrawn.

Holder Robert G., improper passing, fined \$73.

Ladner Keith J., improper passing, affidavit withdrawn.

Ward Curtis Glen, DUI 1st offense, fined \$488; driving license suspended, fined \$395.

Warkoski Jean V., expired tag, affidavit withdrawn.

Niederberger Kenneth A., speeding, fined \$93.

Williams Lonnie G., speeding, fined \$74.

Capela Joann M., speeding, fined \$133.

Tran Hai T., expired sticker, fined \$53.

Bennett Richard T., speeding, not guilty.

Nguyen Van V., seatbelt violation, fined \$25.

Cook Curtis H. Jr., expired tag, fined \$93.50.

Kowalski Kelly, expired tag, not guilty.

Dupre Ross M., speeding, fined \$73.

Dixion Charles Woodrow, spilling load on Hwy., fined \$133.50.

Koewers Donald Lee, spilling load on Hwy., fined \$133.50.

Singletary Eddie E., ran stop sign, fined \$93; failed to yield blue



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Tucker Willis Hudson III, spilling load on Hwy., fined \$133.50.
 Samuel Leory, spilling load on Hwy., fined \$133.50.
 Tucker William Hudson III, spilling load on Hwy., fined \$133.50.
 Lewis Chester Derek, spilling load on Hwy., fined \$133.50.
 Longo John T., seat trout/undersized, not guilty.
 Carter Anthony M., skiing without observer, fined \$102.
 Spindel Judy, fishing/no non-resident license, fined \$177.
 Spindel Keith G., fishing/no non-resident license, not guilty.
 Smith Greg, skiing without observer, fined \$102.
 Lepine Charles, controlled substance, bound over to Grand Jury.
 Blaize Catherine, disturbance of family, passed to file.
 Blaize Cathy, forgery/uttering, seven counts; passed to file, larceny/petit, guilty.
 Thomas Randy L., Bail Bond jumping, not guilty.
 Christopher Raymond, trespassing, not guilty.
 Larson Christine, assault/simple, not guilty.
 Meyers Timothy, assault/simple, not guilty.
 Payne Bobby, assault/simple, not guilty.
 Clay Phillip N., careless driving, dismissed; driving license suspended, fined \$69.
 Thompson Barrett B., littering, fined \$158.50.
 Sanford Kenneth C., speeding, fined \$113.
 Tran Bao T., speeding, nonadjudicated.
 Holmes Glenn M., speeding, fined \$113.
 Upton Anthony W., speeding, fined \$113.
 White Kevin Lamar, speeding, fined \$113.
 Swinney Charles W., no drivers license, fined \$69.
 Saul Douglas R., expired sticker, not guilty.
 Loveless Kimberly N., expired sticker, fined \$54.
 Artz Christopher L., driving license suspended, not guilty.
 Weiser Cheryl, assault/simple, wrong name.
 Wilkins Victoria M., speeding, fined \$78.
 White Julie M., speeding, fined \$93.
 Sheffield Jonathan W., speeding, fined \$93.
 Garza Nancy A., speeding, fined \$48.
 Glidewell Joel B., leaving the scene, fined \$118; driving license suspended, fined \$244.
 Nunez Louis IV, fishing without license, fined \$102.
 Smith Thomas E. Jr., no throwable device, fined \$102.
 Brown Glenn A., PFD's/insufficient, fined \$102; no throwable device, fined \$102.

Dees Kimberly M., improper passing, fined \$73.
 Walker Thomas M. Jr., tag violation, not guilty.

Smith Cindy M., tag violation, two counts, fined \$93.50 each count.

Pruitt James L., tag violation, two counts, not guilty.

Youngblood Robert, tag violation, two counts, fined \$93.50 each count.

Thurston Thomas C., tag violation, two counts, no drivers license, not guilty.

Thomas Lawrence E. Jr., DUI 1st offense, fined \$488.

Folk Jack B., DUI 2nd offense, fined \$838; driving license suspended, fined \$935.

Arabie Wyane A., fishing/no non-resident license, fined \$77.

Owen Birdy J., fishing/no non-resident license, fined \$177.

Anderson Gary, sea trout/undersized, fined \$177.

Yates Gary Allen, seafood dealers license violation, fined \$177.

Arnold Edward W., boating under the influence, fined \$488.

Carrie Jason A., tag violation, not guilty.

Vuyovich Jack J. Jr., ran stop sign, fined \$73.

Ladner Duane E., ran stop sign, fined \$73.

Haley Eugene, drunk/public, fined \$128.50.

Shambin Richard, contributing to delinquency, fined \$186.50; drunk/public, fined \$108.50.

Lassabe James, simple assault domestic, not guilty.

Lassabe James Keith, assault/no guilty.

Nance Glenn C., disorderly conduct, passed to file.

Nance Tesie M., disorderly conduct, passed to file.

Landry Robert J., contributing to delinquency, fined \$153.50.

Dequeant Troy, contributing to delinquency, fined \$153.50.

Hiler Theresa Ann, embezzlement, not bound over to Grand Jury.

Garcia Tony, utility/theft of, fined \$301.50.

Shaw Ricky D., DUI 1st offense, fined \$488.

Duke David Ramon, DUI 1st offense, fined \$463; no drivers license, fined \$69.

Brittan Sharon Kay, driving license suspended, passed to file.

Gaines Janice, disorderly conduct, dismissed.

Dixon Timothy, DUI 1st offense, fined \$488; improper lane usage, driving without headlight, not guilty.

Deal David P., DUI 1st offense, fined \$488; failed to yield blue light, ran stop sign, not guilty.

Cagle Aubrey C., DUI 2nd offense, fined \$838; careless driving, fined \$48; no drivers license, fined \$44.

Gray Nolan E., no drivers license, fined \$69.

Gaines Janice C., DUI 1st offense, fined \$488; reckless driving, fined \$48.

Gaines Janice C., DUI 1st offense, fined \$488;reckless driving,

no drivers license, dismissed.

Necaise David J., no tag, affidavit withdrawn.

Alstott Cody A., speeding, fined \$93.

Verzone William Felix, speeding, fined \$113.

Roberts James E. II, speeding, fined \$133.

Dalgo Russell B., DUI 1st offense, 2 days in county jail, 1 day suspended.

Sullivan Brian Allen, driving license suspended, fined \$395.

Lachey Chris Gerral, DUI 1st offense, fined \$483; no drivers license, careless driving, not guilty.

Burton Debra D., speeding, fined \$73.

Singleton Miranda Yvonne, speeding, fined \$73.

Long Rachel G., failed to yield right-of-way, fined \$73.

Martin Joseph Charles, expired sticker, fined \$54.

Graham Allen D., expired sticker, dismissed.

Wilson Louis C., ran stop sign, fined \$73.

Page Nicole, ran stop sign, fined \$73.

Andrews Jeremy S., speeding, fined \$73.

Dougherty Earl J., speeding, fined \$73.

Barefoot Charles R., speeding, fined \$73.

Jones James D., speeding, fined \$73.

Thomas Alfred, speeding, fined \$73.

Aguilar Thania W., speeding, fined \$73.

Ramirez Sean P., speeding, not guilty.

Patton Robert C., expired tag, fined \$93.50; driving license suspended, fined \$395; seatbelt violation, fined \$25.

Mote Kelvin Edward, ran stop sign, fined \$73.

Chancey Thomas J., ran stop sign, fined \$73.

Owens Willie J., ran stop sign, fined \$73.

Ladner Virginia B., ran stop sign, fined \$73.

Karaardic Binnaz, ran stop sign, fined \$73.

Aylor Mark L., speeding, fined \$73.

McMorris Stuart, speeding, fined \$113.

Imhoff Richard A., DUI 1st offense, not guilty; improper lane usage, fined \$168; expired drivers license, fined \$144; speeding, fined \$148.

Prestenbach Chester A., crabbing without license, fined \$577.

Stringer Bradley W., speeding, fined \$133.

Smith Shirley M., speeding, fined \$73.

Lakey Brian G., speeding, fined \$113.

Collie David M., speeding, affidavit withdrawn.

Christian Vern Dion, driving license suspended, not guilty.

LeFontaine Thomas, assault/simple, not guilty.

Stockstill Stephanie R., DUI 1st offense, fined \$488.

Hebert Dean M., speeding, fined \$113.

Atwood Harold D. Jr., no tag, fined \$113.

server, fined \$102.

Thompson Edmond Marvin, assault/simple, not guilty.

Lundy Randy, larceny/petit, bound over to Grand Jury.

Carver Donald Sr., disturbing the peace, not guilty.

Carver David, disturbing the peace, not guilty.

Korman Earlene, disturbance of family, not guilty.

Geddie Bruce, controlled substance, bound over to Grand Jury.

Keener Joseph B., DUI 1st offense, not guilty.

Emery Bruce L., DUI 1st offense, fined \$488.

Miller Wayne A., DUI 1st offense, fined \$488.

Pavolini Debbie J., improper equipment, fined \$69.

Mansur Troy K., ran stop sign, fined \$73.

Asher Walter R. III, ran stop sign, affidavit withdrawn.

Lohman Barrett, ran stop sign, fined \$73.

Ard Angie Fornell, speeding, fined \$113.

Embrey Donna Laverne, speeding, fined \$133.

Damian Josue, speeding, fined \$113.

Lara Dora D., speeding, fined \$113.

Gutierrez Kimberly Ann, speeding, fined \$113.

Alonzo Pedro, following too close, fined \$73.

Torres Robert L., speeding, fined \$133.

Moon Lloyd T., speeding, fined \$73.

Alvarez Stephen H., speeding, fined \$113.

Weigel Lynn A., speeding, fined \$93.

Riley Charles E., speeding, not guilty.

Gilliam Jacques E., speeding, fined \$93.

Sanderson Michael G., speeding, fined \$73.

Chaney George Jr., speeding, fined \$113.

Goines Timothy W., spilling load on hwy., fined \$134.

Parsons William W. Jr., speeding, not guilty.

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Mann Margaret Ann, speeding, fined \$113.

Robertson Benjamin B., speeding, fined \$113.

Poolson Kathleen Y., speeding, fined \$73.

Hall J. P., speeding, fined \$133.

Stringer Bradley W., speeding, fined \$133.

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Collie David M., speeding, affidavit withdrawn.

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LeFontaine Thomas, assault/simple, not guilty.

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Wilson Angela R., speeding, fined \$148.

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Ferguson Wallace C., speeding, fined \$93.

Guthrie Robert E., no sticker, fined \$54.

Sprinkle Tony E., redfish violation, fined \$171.

Sauveterre James L., PFD's/insufficient, fined \$102.

Jones James E., sea trout/undersized, fined \$171.

Necaise David, malicious mischief, passed to file.

Baker Fred, assault/simple, 6 months suspended sentence.

Buhler Starlen, trespassing, fined \$128.50.

Johnson Jerry Grant, burglary dwelling, waived preliminary hearing.

Nelson Dennis, controlled substance, waived preliminary hearing.

Knudsen Clayton L., assault/simple, not guilty.

Vittor Tabitha M., assault/simple, passed to file.

Stewart Mark, assault/simple, fined \$86.50.

Greaves Dale A., ran stop sign, fined \$73; seatbelt violation, fined \$25.

Victor Jonathan A., assault/simple, passed to file.

Garberth Louis E., assault/simple, disorderly conduct, assault/simple, disorderly conduct, not guilty.

Gilliam Jacques E., speeding, fined \$93.

Bouch Rainy, disorderly conduct, not guilty.

Gallagher Kristie, assault/simple, affidavit withdrawn.

Nielsen Mary D., assault/simple, affidavit withdrawn.

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TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

THE SEA COAST ECHO—SUNDAY, MAY 16, 1999-11A

Alegria, Cirque du Soleil's internationally-renowned show opens May 20 at Beau Rivage

The international performance arts troupe, Cirque du Soleil, will introduce their unique style of entertainment at the new Beau Rivage resort on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in Biloxi, with the captivating production of Alegria.

The show, which dazzled three million spectators in Europe, North America, Japan and Hong Kong during its five-year tour, will find a permanent home at Mirage Resorts' newest property on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The show will premiere in the 1,550-seat Beau Rivage theatre May 20.

Alegria, a Spanish word expressing elation, joy and jubilation, is Cirque du Soleil's eighth production. The show mesmerizes with a dazzling display of skill, strength and speed with awe-inspiring acrobatics, flamboyant costumes, brilliant cho-

reography and an award-winning original score. The international cast of 52 performers and musicians come from 13 countries.

Franco Dragone, who has created 10 of Cirque du Soleil's productions, directs Alegria. Other members of the creative team include director of creation Gilles Ste-Croix, costume designer Dominique Lemieux, choreographer Debra Brown, lighting designer Luc Lafourte, set designer Michel Crete and sound designer Guy Desrochers.

The design concept of the theatre at Beau Rivage is created by Michel Crete in collaboration with the architects of Sceno Plus. The soundtrack of composer Rene Dupere's original score has sold more than one million copies.

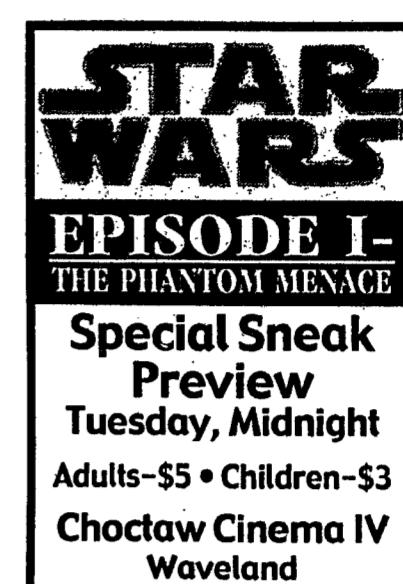
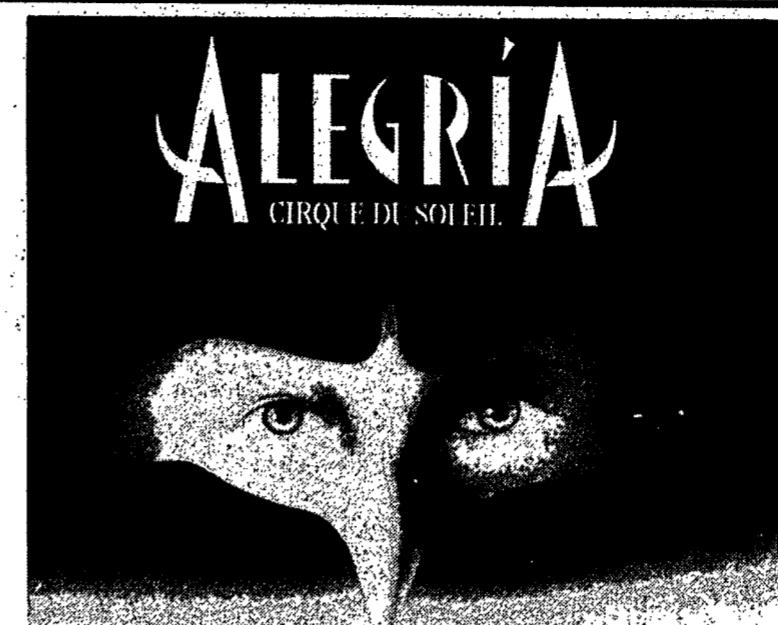
Cirque du Soleil was founded

in 1984 and has grown into an award-winning, international performance arts company with six shows currently performing around the world.

There are three permanent shows presented at Bellagio and Treasure Island in Las Vegas and Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando.

Currently, there are three productions touring North America, Europe and the Asia/Pacific region. To date, the company has created 10 productions that have thrilled more than 17 million spectators around the world.

The presentation of Alegria at Beau Rivage will be the fourth joint venture between Cirque du Soleil and Mirage Resorts. Nouvelle Experience began the partnership in 1992



Hank Williams Festival scheduled for June 4-5

Hank Williams Sr. was a man whose music was loved by many. His ability to paint pictures using words and music immortalized him to country, pop and rock fans throughout the world.

The weekend of June 4-5, Hank Sr.'s boyhood home of Georgiana comes alive as nearly 15,000 fans are expected to converge on the Hank Williams Park, located behind the singer's boyhood home and museum for the 29th annual Salute to a Legend.

Featured entertainers at this year's festival will be his daughter, Jett Williams, John Anderson, Billy Joe Royal, Gene Watson and Rock Killough's Dixie Flyers. In addition to the on-stage entertainers, the national finals of the Hank Williams Song

Writing contest will be held June 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Jett Williams was born just five days after the death of her father and was adopted by Hank's mother who raised her until her death. Since her singing debut in 1989, Jett has performed at hundreds of venues throughout the world.

Last year at the 19th annual festival, she drew several standing ovations from the crowd as she and her band cut loose with lots of Hank's original songs.

Gene Watson, who will perform Friday night has been called a "singer's singer." His latest CD, "Good Ole Days" has won critical acclaim from all country music fans.

The Hank Williams Park and Museum, the site of the festival is located one mile east

of I-65 on Hwy. 106 (Exit 114). Festival activities begin Thursday at 6 p.m. with the Hank Williams Song-Writing contest.

During the festival fans will be able to meet and listen to several members of Hank's band, The Drifting Cowboys. Band members that are scheduled to appear this year are Clint Holmes, Braxton Schufert, Pee Wee Moutrie, Lum York and Bernice Turner.

Friday schedule: Music starts at 4 p.m., featuring local and regional singers and bands; barbecue dinner; 5-7 p.m., cost \$8, Rock Killough & Dixie Flyer; 7 p.m., Gene Watson performs 8:30-10 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults.

Saturday schedule: Music all day, beginning at 9 a.m. Billy Joe Royal; 3 p.m. Jett Williams; 7:30 p.m., John Anderson; 9 p.m. cost is \$15 for adults/\$8 for children. Admission to the festival on Saturday also includes admission to the Hank Williams Boyhood Home and Museum.

The Hank Williams Festival is basically an outdoor event. There is a protective roof-shelter in case of rain, but there is no reserved seating and everyone should bring a lawn chair.

For information, contact George Rohm at 334-666-2097. For all other festival information, including lodging, call the Georgiana City Hall, 334-376-2396.

For additional information, contact Gerald Hodges, 800-726-7022.

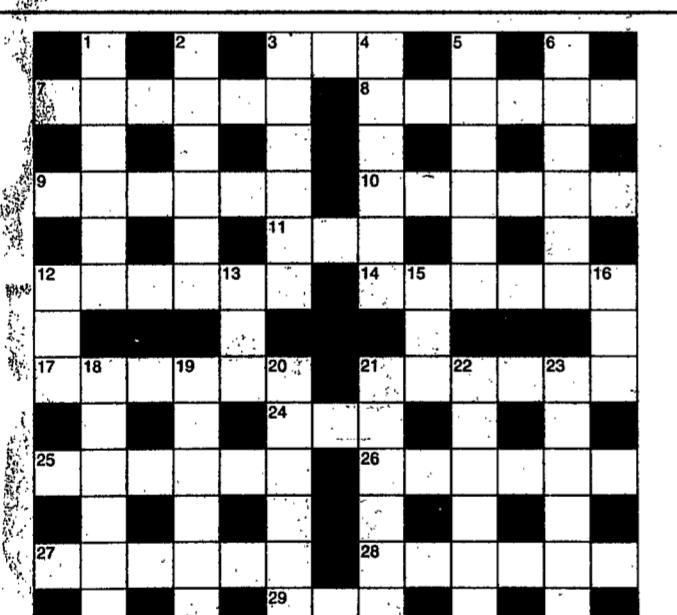
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when it was presented in the white and gold Big Top on the grounds of The Mirage in Las Vegas. The critically acclaimed Mysterie has performed at Treasure Island since 1993 and "O" has been playing to rave reviews at Bellagio since October 1998.

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Tickets for Alegria may be purchased in advance by calling (888) 566-7469 or (228) 386-7777. Prices are \$40 for adults and \$25 for children 12 and under, plus tax.

Performances will be held Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday at 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. The theatre will be dark on Tuesdays.

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St. Stanislaus golf team district champions

The St. Stanislaus golf team has claimed the District 4-A title for the 1999 season. Continuing its trend, the team has earned the District 4-A title six of the last seven years. The team finished the regular season with an 11-1 record.

The Rock-A-Chaw golf team won the district tournament at the Pine Bluff Golf course in Wiggins April 19. Edward Flores had the low score of 84.

The St. Stanislaus team went on to finish ninth in the state tournament at Wolf

Hollow Golf Club in Wesson May 5. Flores and Chris Genin had the low scores of 164 and 163, respectively.

Under the leadership of teacher and coach Dave Kenson, the SSC golf team is comprised of John Carr, Kyle Edrington, Edward Flores, Chris Genin, Kenny Jones and Kyle Kidd.

Other team members include Michael Dauo, Jeremy Keller, Ryan Rupp, Brian Webb and Arthur Willis.

State Games of Mississippi announces sports, venues for 1999 competitions

The 1999 State Games of Mississippi, the state's largest amateur multi-sports festival for all ages and skill levels, will be underway in June.

The State Games provide a fun and exciting challenge for aspiring athletes who want to experience the thrills of a formal Olympic-style competition.

This summer, participants will compete in 26 sporting events. The first weekend will be June 17-20 with high school basketball starting competition on Thursday, June 17 at Meridian Community College and various other gyms in the area.

Also scheduled for the first weekend will be archery and water skiing at Bonita Lakes, power lifting at the Frank Cochran Center, youth tennis and track and field at Meridian Community College, stickball and volleyball at Meridian High School, youth soccer and girls softball at Northeast Park, adult softball and youth tennis at Sammie Davidson Complex and Gymnastics at Pat Gray Academy.

The second weekend of events will begin Thursday, June 24, with baseball at Meridian Community College. Other events scheduled for the second weekend are sailing, 5K road races and mountain biking at Bonita Lakes, swimming at Meridian Community College, bowling at Dixie Lanes, cycling road races at Geico Insurance Company on Hwy. 39 North, adult basketball and volleyball at Meridian High School, men's soccer at Northeast Park and judo at the Meridian Boys and Girls Club Gymnasium.

Annette Alexander, State Games of Mississippi Youth Soccer commissioner, announced the youth soccer district competitions will be held May 29-30 in Greenville for the North District and June 5-6 in Jackson and Lucedale for the



District golf champions

The St. Stanislaus District 4-A champion golf team includes, standing from left, senior Ryan Rupp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rupp Sr. of Waveland; sophomore Kenny Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones of Pass Christian; sophomore John Carr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Carr of Pass Christian; and coach Dave Kenson; kneeling, senior Chris Genin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Genin Sr. of Bay St. Louis; junior Edward Flores, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Flores of Pass Christian; and senior Kyle Kidd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kidd of Bay St. Louis.

Softball legend to visit Ridgeland

On Saturday, May 22, "The King and His court" will visit Ridgeland on their final tour and treat children of all ages to an incredible experience at Hite Wolcott Park at 7 p.m.

This is not royalty from England or Elvis Presley, but King Eddie Feigner. Tickets will be available for \$5 a person at the gate.

Seventy-year old Feigner is the undisputed greatest softball pitcher of all times. He has played over 10,000 games, with over 8,600 wins, he has tossed 903 no-hitters and pitched 238 perfect games. His pitches were once clocked at over 110 mph.

"This man is a legend," said George Smith, Tourism Development director, a division of Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development. "Adults who have seen 'The King' are eager to relive the experience with their children."

"The King" probably can't top his 110-mph now, so he has a secret weapon: the first woman player on his four-person "court." For the first time in 54 years there will be a woman playing on the "court" during the 1999-2000 Tour.

The King's wife Anne Marie plays first base, switch hits and has over 20 years of experience.

For information on the

Soccer league seeks board nominations

Bay Area Youth Soccer is accepting nominations for openings on the board. Positions on the board for BAYS include organizing and helping in all aspects of the soccer seasons.

Board elections will be held at the general meeting of BAYS June 23 at 7 p.m. at the Mississippi Power Building.

Persons interested in making nominations or for further information, contact Eddie Crawford at 466-9140 or Julie Cannon at 467-3701.



Signs with PRCC

St. Stanislaus guard Odell Davis Jr. has signed a basketball scholarship with Pearl River Community College. Davis, 6'0", averaged 18.5 points per game, with 6.2 rebounds and five steals per game. He is pictured with his mother, Denise Davis, and, standing from left, St. Stanislaus coach Jay Ladner, Odell Davis Sr., PRCC head basketball coach Richard Mathis, and PRCC assistant basketball coach Mike Smith. St. Stanislaus posted a 31-6 record last year.

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DWGA announces results

Winners of the May 6 low net play include:

Over-the-field winner, Til Garrison

Championship flight: low gross, Amy Swint; 1st low net, Becky Stritzel; 2nd low net, Peggy Knapp; 3rd low net, Adrienne Ramirez

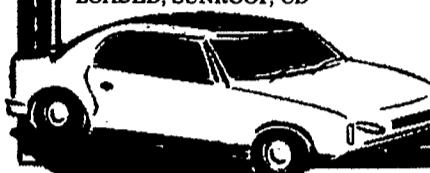
First flight: low gross, Dar-

lene Ray; 1st low net, Peggy Williams; 2nd low net, Becky Jordan; 3rd low net, Grace Mauterer

Second flight: low gross, Jean Dorman; 1st low net, Dorothy Dudley; 2nd low net, Neva Sears; 3rd low net, Marilyn Valentine

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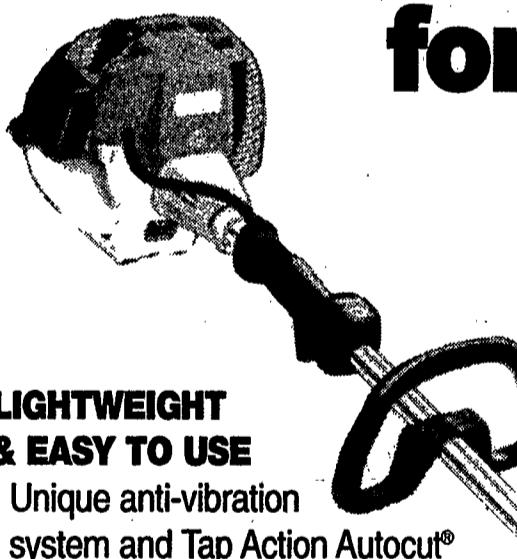
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Hancock 4-H

The Hancock County 4-H participated in the South State Shooting Competition in Collins. Charlie Ladner took second place in Senior I Division while hitting 11 or 15 skeets. Tiffany Wilson placed second in the air pistol and third in the air rifle. Brittany Spiers placed second in the air rifle. Overall Hancock County 4-H'ers did very well their first year to participate in the shooting sports.

What to know if you think it's just a boat tow: The difference between boat towing and salvage

As millions of recreational boat owners get ready to launch their vessels this season, knowing the difference between towing and salvage could save them boatloads of money should they need help on the water, says BOAT/U.S., whose TowBOAT/U.S. companies are the national's largest fleet of assistance towing vessels.

Historically and legally, salvage is any voluntary and successful rescue of a boat, its cargo and/or its passengers from a peril at sea. Salvage often results in a "demand" for a percentage of the boat's post-casualty value -- sometimes a considerable amount of money. Towing costs much less and is

billed by the hours, averaging \$125 per hour.

The distinction between towing and salvage is reflected in the different types of programs available to boaters. Towing assistance, like the pre-paid service available to BOAT/U.S. members through TowBOAT/U.S., provides help for breakdowns and light groundings. The far more expensive salvage claims are covered only by yacht insurance policies.

Since the same marine assistance company often provides both towing and salvage services, it is essential that the boat owner reach an understanding with the marine

assistance provider before action is taken, cautions Terri Parrow, BOAT/U.S. vice president for towing assistance.

"TowBOAT/U.S. companies are required to inform the captain of a boat before beginning any work if the procedure is salvage, not towing. If this isn't possible due to wind and sea conditions, the towing company should tell the captain as soon as possible," Parrow said.

However, boaters should not assume they will always be told. Boaters should always ask whether the job is towing or salvage before they accept a tow.

If the answer is "salvage," the boater should ask if the company -- or "salvor" -- will give a fixed price or one based on time and materials before beginning the job. If so, get the price in writing or, if any oral agreement, try to have someone witness it, Parrow suggests.

If the salvor wants to do the job first and says he does not know what the cost will be but will make a salvage claim afterwards, the final charge will be decided one of three ways: negotiation with the boater's insurance company; binding arbitration (a variety of forums exist, including the BOAT/U.S. Salvage Arbitration Program, a low-cost option available to all boat owners, marine assistance and insurance companies); or -- rarely -- through litigation in federal admiralty courts.

If the salvor does not give a price before doing the job, the boater should ask the salvor if he uses or will agree to use the BOAT/U.S. Open Form Yacht Salvage Contract, which assures any claim can go to binding arbitration if negotiation fails. A copy of this contract is available at the BOAT/U.S. website, www.boatus.com/consumer.

"As long as the situation is not dangerous and not deteriorating, boaters should feel free to look for another company by radio or by calling the BOAT/U.S. 24-hour dispatch service for help at 1-800-391-4863," Parrow said.

"Parrow reminds boaters to review their boat insurance coverage. 'The best protection against a salvage bill is adequate insurance,' she said, noting that boaters should make sure their policy provides for salvage up to the full value of the boat, not a percentage of its value, and that there is no deductible for salvage costs.

Finally, even though the U.S. Coast Guard no longer tows recreational boats unless it's a life-threatening situation, they will help boaters contact commercial assistance and stand by on the radio to make sure they get that help.

"You can ask the coast guard to call the BOAT/U.S. 24-hour dispatch service for you," Parrow said.



Bowling tournament

Sean English, right, of Diamondhead, bowled in the SSJBA Bowling Tournament March 20, qualifying for second place. English missed first place by only seven pins. The following day, English finished in fifth place. The tournament was held at Tiffany lanes in Mandeville.

Magnolia State Soap Box Derby names new director

Rev. Jerry Beam of Moss Point has been named Derby director of the 8th annual Magnolia State Soap Box Derby. This year's race will be Saturday, June 12 on Main Street in Moss Point. Moss Point is the site of the only sanctioned All-American Soap Box derby in Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and northwest Florida.

Moss Point active citizens and corporate sponsors, International Paper Co.-Moss Point Mill, and Chevron-Pascagoula Refinery have coordinated a premiere youth racing program over the past seven years.

This has given children between the ages of 9 and 16 an opportunity to learn some of the basic skills of workmanship, the spirit of competition and the perseverance to continue a project once it has begun.

Considering the profusion of organized youth programs available in today's world, the Soap Box Derby is unique in that it encourages closer parent-child activities. This rela-

12th annual Ladner's camp set

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

Summertime is right around the corner. Are looking for something to do with the children this summer? Look no further for I have the answer.

Why not send your sports-minded child to a local basketball camp that is renowned for outstanding fundamental instruction.

The 12th annual Ladner's Gulf Coast School of Basketball has set their camp dates for the summer.

There will be two camp sites and dates for this summer's annual event.

The Hancock Camp is slated for June 14-18. The girls camp will begin daily at 9am and continue to 12 noon. The boys camp will start at 1pm and end at 4pm daily.

The site for the Hancock Camp will be at the Hancock High School Gymnasium in Kiln. Boys and girls ages five thru ninth grade are eligible for the camp.

The second camp, the Stanislaus Camp, is set for July 26-30 at the Brother Peter Memorial Gymnasium on the campus of St. Stanislaus High School in Bay St. Louis.

The girls camp will begin at 1:30pm and continue to 4:30pm. The boys session will start at 5:30pm and end at 8:30pm daily.

The registration fee for each camp is \$50 and the price includes a commemorative camp t-shirt.

On hand will be outstanding high school coaches from Mississippi and neighboring states. Motivational speakers will include Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Mississippi Association of Coaches Hall of Fame members J. Roland and J. Larry Ladner.

Registration will begin at the site of each camp one hour prior

to the beginning of the camp on the first day.

However, early registration can be secured by calling the camp directors.

The directors for this year's camp are Jay Ladner, head basketball coach at St. Stanislaus

High School, and Michael Ladner, head basketball coach at Hancock High School.

For more information on the camp and registration, please call Jay Ladner at 467-9057, ext. 273 or 255-4490, or Michael Ladner at 255-3857.

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Consider savings strategies for college

For some time now, we've enjoyed low inflation. But it hasn't disappeared from the scene—especially on college campuses. With annual price increases of 5 percent or more for the past several years, the cost of a college education has shot way up—and it's still climbing.

In fact, if college costs continue to climb at their recent pace, in 18 years you can expect to pay approximately \$72,000 for four years at a public school, and \$185,000 for a private school.

How can you meet these costs? Here are some suggestions:

Set realistic goals. Try to estimate how much money you'll need for college. Then, calculate the annual rate of return you'll need to achieve on your savings and investments in order to reach your goal. But don't *overestimate* your expenses—you don't have to come up with the entire amount required for college. Generally speaking, if you can save at least one-third of the total college costs, you and your child should be able to make up the rest through loans or campus jobs.

Save early and save often. Consider starting a disciplined investment plan when your child is still a baby. By giving



yourself 18 years to save, you can put away relatively small sums each month and still meet your objectives.

Save in your own name. You may be tempted to put college savings in your children's names to take advantage of their lower tax rates. But these tax benefits could be overshadowed by the potential loss of financial aid. In calculating financial aid packages, colleges usually expect children to spend *one-third* of their own savings for college costs each year. However, most schools require parents to contribute only about 6 percent of their savings.

Invest for growth. Far too many families save for college by investing entirely in short-term interest-bearing accounts, such as savings accounts, CDs and money-mar-

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ket funds. Although these investments might seem safe, they will likely lose ground to inflation over time. If you really want your money to grow, build a well-diversified portfolio that includes *long-term and zero coupon bonds as well as individual stocks and stock mutual funds*. Long-term and zero coupon bonds pay better rates than short-term savings and guarantee your principal if held to maturity. Stocks historically have shown a much higher rate of return than any other investment.

Explore government-backed savings programs. Recent tax law changes have opened up some new avenues for college savings. You can now contribute to an education IRA, which allows you to make tax-free withdrawals for college. Other government programs include the Hope Scholarship, which offers tax credits of up to \$1,500 a year for the first two years of college, and the Lifetime Learning Credit, which can amount to \$1,000 a year. (You can't claim both the Hope Scholarship and the Lifetime Credit in the same year.)

Be prepared ...

College costs can be daunting. But by taking the proper steps, you will be financially prepared for the "big day" — when those first bills come due.

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HANCOCK HOLDING CO/HBHC	45 5/8	-3/16
HOLLYWOOD PARK/HPK	13 13/16	+3/16
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K MART CORP/KM	16 1/8	-1 1/16
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PARK PLACE ENT/PPE	10 9/16	-3/16
MCDONALDS CORP/MCD	40 3/8	+3/16
REGIONS FINANCIAL/RGFR	38 7/16	-2 1/16
ROCKWELL INTL CORP/ROK	62 1/8	+4 1/4
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TENNECO INC/TEN	24 13/16	-1 1/16
UNION PLANTERS/UPC	42 11/16	-1 1/16
WAL MART STORES/WMT	46 1/4	+1 1/4
WELLMAN INC/WLM	14 1/2	-1 1/2
WHITNEY HOLDING/WTNY	40 1/4	-3/4

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State retirement system to hold board election

The Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) will conduct an election this year to fill an unexpired term of the Board of Trustees representing state employees. The election will be to complete the term through Dec. 31, 2000, resulting from the retirement of Sam W. Valentine Jr.

Any employee of a state agency who has been a PERS member for at least 10 years is eligible to run. Candidates can qualify by filing petitions with PERS signed by at least 25 state employees who are retirement system members.

Petitions have been mailed to state agencies. State employees who would like to be candidates should check with their agencies' Personnel or Human Resource Office for petitions.

The deadline for filing signed petitions at the PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201-1005, is 5 p.m. June 10. Petitions received after the deadline will be disallowed, even if they are postmarked prior to the deadline.

If no candidate receives a majority in the first election, there will be a runoff among the top two vote getters.

The Retirement System is governed by a 10-member board, including the State Treasurer, one gubernatorial appointee, two state employees, two retirees and one representative each of public schools and community col-

leges, municipalities, counties and Institutions of Higher Learning.

With the exception of the State Treasurer and the gubernatorial appointee, all members are elected to staggered six-year terms by the portion of the Retirement System they represent.

Valentine was the senior member of the board, having served since 1984. He retired from the board at the time of his retirement from state service as an employee of the Department of Health, April 30.

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Three universities to split tobacco pilot program grant

Three Mississippi universities will split a \$1.2 million grant for evaluation work for the Mississippi Tobacco Pilot Program.

Combining their forces as the University Evaluation Group, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University and the University of Mississippi will conduct an overall evaluation, each school will also evaluate component parts of the program at funding levels as follows:

- Public awareness and media -- Social Science Research Laboratory at University of Mississippi, \$300,000

- Community-based interventions -- Mississippi Urban Research Center, Jackson State University, \$200,000

- Enforcement to tobacco policies and legislation -- The Stennis Institute of Government, Mississippi State Uni-

versity, \$200,000

- School Health Nurse Program -- The Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University, \$300,000.

Grant winners were among 16 applicants for the evaluation work. The Mississippi Legislature during its 1998 Session charged the Mississippi State Department of Health with the evaluation and assessment of all anti-tobacco activities funded through the first two years of the Tobacco Pilot Program.

The Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi administers the program, whose purpose is to create a healthier Mississippi and to reduce tobacco use among Mississippi youths.

Evaluation of the projects funded through the Mississippi Tobacco Pilot

Program (MTPP) will serve three purposes:

- Assess the impact of MTPP on youth prevalence, cessation, and environmental tobacco smoke (ETS)
- Enable program directors and advisory groups to modify interventions in progress as a result of data collected
- Identify components of the MTPP which can be replicated in other communities as part of an on-going comprehensive tobacco prevention plan.

The primary goal of the evaluation activities is to determine the association between tobacco prevention/reduction strategies that are science-based and the actual reduction or prevention of youth tobacco use.

Evaluation results will guide future program development and expansion.



Leah Preble

St. Stanislaus announces Teacher of Year

Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, principal of St. Stanislaus, announced Leah Preble has been selected as the 1999 St. Stanislaus Teacher of the Year.

The Teacher of the Year is selected for the ability to capture both the attention and the imagination of the students, personal commitment to professional development, enthusiasm for academic discipline and personal attention to students.

Enjoying her third year teaching at SSC, Preble is active in the English Department and is the moderator of the yearbook. She holds a bachelor degree and a master's degree in English from the University of Southern Mississippi.

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Woes — crackdown on banners

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allowable size of an attached sign is a function of the linear feet of the wall that it's attached to. In this case, Carrige calculates the wall as 60 feet long. The ordinance would allow a sign that's 90 square feet in that case. Instead, the sign is some 600 square feet.

The company owner declined comment on the matter Friday.

Meanwhile, Carrige and his staff are coping with enforcement of other provisions of the ordinance that have caused troubles in the past few months -- particularly the issue of banners.

A recent crackdown on the proliferation of banner advertising in the city has drawn some upset business owners to City Council, and prompted the mayor and Carrige to propose changes to regulations on such temporary signs.

In the meantime, Carrige has

several cases of banner regulation violation lined up for city court -- but he's holding them in abeyance until council takes action on the proposed ordinance revisions.

Carrige said Friday he's working with business owners in the interim period to try to keep the banner problem under control by cooperation.

He and the city's attorney, John Scafidi, told council recently that the entire sign ordinance needs a re-write, but there's none in progress at this time. "Right now, all we're trying to do is put out the fires," Carrige said of violations that pop up.

Carrige has been to council on several occasions recently, explaining his interpretation of the ordinance and seeking some clarification of council's intentions. He said the furniture store sign was erected during a weekend

when his crews weren't on duty, but the company was cited the following Monday and told they would not be allowed to open until the problem sign was taken down or a variance was granted.

Carrige said he allowed the company to open, however, because it was in compliance with all other aspects of the code, and the owner filed a request for a variance from the ordinance. If the variance is disapproved, Carrige said the sign will have to come down, or the store will have to close.

The P&Z meeting is set for May 26, at 7:30 p.m. Commission members also will be asked to approve the site plans for construction of a new Union Planters Bank Building on Highway 90.

Shelter — couple wants to help

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Artigues, Jr., and he advised them to tell citizens that if they wanted to donate towards the new pen gates, they should make checks payable to the "City of Waveland," with specific instructions that the dona-

tion would be used solely for facility repair at the Animal Shelter. Artigues said any question about tax deductibility would be a question between the donor and his or her accountant or

CPA. If you're interested in donating, make the checks payable to "City of Waveland," 301 Coleman Avenue, Waveland, MS 39576.

Hearing — street renumbering

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address problems represent an insurmountable problem for police and fire personnel in general, because the departments have local staff thoroughly familiar with the location of streets and the address trouble spots.

But that's not the case necessarily

with ambulance personnel who aren't from Bay St. Louis, he said, and may or may not know the difference between Keller and Keller, for instance. Also, ambulances may be searching for a specific street number only to find

that a number 301 address sits next door to a 150 or 420 on the same street.

Council's actions, he said, could be as extensive as impacting 100 percent of the addresses in the city, or just a handful.

Sewer — businesses seek relief

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Don Hartzler, the owner of Bay Marina off Washington Street, also complained about his rate hike. Hartzler said he operates a small restaurant and snack area for the campers and boaters who use his marina and campgrounds, but his restaurant nets only about \$10,000 a year and those operations only represent about 11 percent of his business. He complained that his monthly sewerage bill went from \$35 to \$150 a month.

Johnson promised Hartzler, "We'll revisit the issue," and he said the District will meet in a workshop session soon to discuss the rates that were adopted last February.

Arthur Paultk said he wants to invest \$4 million and build an automotive repair shop off Hwy. 603 on the west side of Central Avenue, but cannot get a permit to build from the county, although he has obtained a health department permit.

He said county building inspector Willie Gavney said he won't issue a building permit until sewerage lines actually reach his area.

"He's holding up a \$4 million project," Paultk charged. "The bank won't loan us the money until we get a permit."

Gauthreaux said there is already a tap across Hwy. 603, and Paultk offered to pay the connection fee to run the line

another 600 to 700 feet into his property.

Commissioners told Paultk to go before the Hancock County Board of Supervisors Monday to ask for relief, since Gavney is appointed by supervisors.

Mark Buchanan said his property was bypassed in the recent extension of sewerage connections into Shoreline Park. He said he has kept his boat there since 1997, and should be charged only \$35 for the grinder system, but was told his connection would now cost him \$2,500.

Commissioners promised to look into all situations where property owners in Shoreline Park have complained, they should have been counted when the District took the census.

Howard Bass said he has property in Harbor Estates, and wanted to know when he could get permission to install a sewerage holding tank, so he could begin building.

Legislation passed in the recent session will allow the holding tanks on property in certain low-lying areas of the county until sewerage lines are installed, but Commissioners said the bill doesn't go into effect until July 1, and a myriad of details have to be worked out before holding tanks are allowed.

There was some good news at

the meeting. Commissioners received two bids from local banks on a temporary \$800,000 loan.

The District needs a one-year, low-interest loan to finance engineering and design plans to sewer four more areas in Hancock County in order to attract an \$8 million loan from the state revolving fund.

Thursday, Commissioners selected Hancock Bank, which offered the loan to the District at a yearly interest rate of 4.04 percent.

Gauthreaux said the District might not need the entire \$800,000, but for the plans, and would use whatever is left for the payback.

In other business, Commissioners rejected all three bids received on plans to build a District office on land behind the Human Resources Center off Longfellow Road.

It marked the second time bids came in over estimates. This time, Gauthreaux said the lowest bid was \$191,000, but the District has only about \$150,000 available for the office building.

She said Commissioners would discuss alternatives at a future meeting. One possibility being discussed would be to erect the metal building and have the interior completed in phases.

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'Jazz in the Pass' festival turns into huge success

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY BENNIE
WEDGWOOD

It was a beautiful afternoon in Pass Christian's War Memorial Park Saturday, May 8. The sky was blue and a cool breeze blowing across the Gulf and through the big oaks, sent the mellow sounds of jazz and the aroma of good food throughout the park.

The mood was relaxed and laid-back casual at this year's "Jazz in the Pass" celebration, part of the city's year-long Tricentennial celebration. Most people congregated under the shade of the big oaks, on lawn chairs, blankets, or were just sitting in the grass. Dancers appeared from time to time, and

ranged from toddlers to seniors. Everyone seemed to be moved by the beat of whatever was playing at the time.



A highlight of the day was impromptu performances by the RSVP Second Liners, who began

dancing in front of the bandstand, then slowly wound their way through the park, inviting onlookers into

John Handy, performed by SPICE (Spirited People With Creative Energies). All bands donated their time and creativity.

Organizers were pleased with the turnout, especially Dan Ellis, who said the festival was "bigger and better than what we planned." He gave most of the credit to chairperson Jennie Lou Mintz, who worked for almost a year to organize the celebration.

"Few people realize that a lot of the original jazz started with musicians right here in Pass Christian," Ellis said. "Saxophonist John Handy, pianist, Joe B. Jackson, and the famous Watson Brothers Band were all Pass Christian residents."



Presented plaque

Jenny Lou Mintz, center, who worked a year to organize the "Jazz in the Pass", was presented a plaque of appreciation for all her hard work. From left are, Pass Christian Alderman Leo "Chippy" McDermott and daughter, Emily; Mintz; state Sen. Scottie Cuevas; Dan Ellis; and state Rep. Jim Simpson.



Colorful strutters

The RSVP Second Liners strutted their stuff to an appreciative audience, who turned out at War Memorial Park last Saturday for the "Jazz in the Pass" celebration.



Good food

Greek gyros and lots of other good food was available to the crowds attending the "Jazz in the Pass" celebration at War Memorial Park in Pass Christian.



Babies and seniors

Babies and seniors enjoyed the beautiful weather and the music last Saturday at the "Jazz in the Pass" celebration. Pictured left, Jamie Labet and Taylor Jones, daughters of Sabrina Jones, and Julia Stock, daughter of Kelly Stock. Above, Irene McIntosh and Arla Codd of Bay St. Louis sit comfortably on a blanket in the grass.



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Monday — Waffles and Syrup, Cereal, Toast, Juice.
 Tuesday — Sausage Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Juice.
 Wednesday — Cinnamon Bun, Cereal, Toast, Juice.
 Thursday — Sausage Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Juice.
 Friday — Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Toast, Juice.
 LUNCH

Monday — Chicken Nuggets, Mexican Burrito, Creamed Corn, Green Beans and Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Fresh Apples, Chilled Pears, Tropical Fruit Mix, Yeast Roll.

Tuesday — Spaghetti and Meat sauce, Loaded Baked Potato, Tater Tots, Cheesy Broccoli and Cauliflower, Carrot Sticks and Dip, Orange Wedges, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Fresh Banana, Texas Toast, Rice Krispie Treat.

Wednesday — Beef Pattie Melt, Chicken Pot Pie, Blackeyed Peas, French Fries, Seasoned Green Beans, Fruity Cocktail, Banana-Berry Blend, Chilled Pears, Yeast Roll, Strawberry Jello.

Thursday — Fried Chicken, Soup and Sandwich, Whipped Potatoes, Southern Greens, Garden Salad, Fresh Melon Cubes, Peach Slices, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Roll, Vanilla Pudding.

Friday — Taco Salad, Chicken Spaghetti, Whole Kernel Corn, Green Peas, Lemon Glazed Carrots, Tropical Fruit Mix, Frozen

Fruit Bar, Orange Wedges, Yeast Roll, Fruit Crisp.

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Served daily:
Chef Salad, Bread,
Dessert and Milk
Condiments:
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Sweet and Sour Sauce/Salsa
BBQ Sauce, Hot Sauce or
Taco Sauce

LUNCH

Monday — Nachos Grande, Fish Burger, Oven-Baked Wedges, Calif. Veggies, Tossed Salad, Fresh Orange Wedges, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Crackers.

Tuesday — Pizza, Shaved Ham and Cheese Poboy, Whole Kernel Corn, Green Peas, Raw Veggies with Dip, Frozen Juice Bar, Pineapple Tidbits, Fruit Juice, Crackers.

Wednesday — Salisbury Steak with Gravy, Cheeseburger, Whipped Potatoes, Ranch Style Black Beans, Tossed Salad, Fresh Orange Wedges, Peach Slices, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers.

Thursday — Chicken Patty Sandwich, Fish Nuggets, Spicy Fries, Broccoli Salad, Tossed Salad, Chilled Pears, Strawberry Fruit Gelatin, Fruit Juice, Crackers.

Friday — Steak Fingers, Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Southern Greens, Whipped Potatoes, Applesauce, Mandarin Fruit Cup, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Crackers, Peanut Butter Cookie.

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Ole Miss to host workshop for art educators

"Reviving the Muse," a week-long workshop designed to enhance K-12 teachers' skills in select areas of the arts, will be conducted June 6-11 at the University of Mississippi.

This challenging workshop for art educators will emphasize nurturing visual creativity via individual and group projects.

Participants will take advantage of the abundant resources of Ole Miss and the Oxford and Lafayette County communities, including museums, galleries, historic homes and the natural landscape.

The workshop's focus will be on learning by discovery and experience. This hand-on approach will involve exploring area resources to enhance

the means of visual expression.

Participants will create journals to encompass the world, image and experience, thereby documenting a variety of approaches to visual problem-solving.

The intense schedule, along with the work and accompanying discussions, is designed to recreate the studio experience and provide each participant with concrete tools to enhance the creative process.

The workshop begins at 2 p.m. June 20 and concludes at noon June 25. Tuition if \$406, and some tuition scholarships are available. Housing costs are not included in the workshop cost. On-campus housing is available for a nominal fee, and accommodations may

Elementary Schools

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Chef Salad, Bread,
Dessert and Milk
Condiments:
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BBQ Sauce, Hot Sauce or
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BREAKFAST

Monday — Blueberry Muffin, Juice.

Tuesday — Ham Biscuit, Applesauce.

Wednesday — Waffle Sticks, Mixed Fruit.

Thursday — Flapsticks, Applesauce.

Friday — Breakfast Pizza, Juice.

LUNCH

Monday — BBQ Chicken, Nachos Grande, Oven-Baked Wedges, Calif. Veggies, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Crackers.

Tuesday — Pizza, Shaved Ham and Cheese Poboy, Whole Kernel Corn, Green Peas, Raw Veggies with Dip, Frozen Juice Bar, Pineapple Tidbits, Crackers.

Wednesday — Salisbury Steak with Gravy, Cheeseburger, Whipped Potatoes, Ranch Style Black Beans, Tossed Salad, Peach Slices, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers.

Thursday — Fish Nuggets, Hamburger, Spicy Fries, Broccoli Salad, Tossed Salad, Chilled Pears, Strawberry Fruit Gelatin, Crackers.

Friday — Steak Fingers, Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Southern Greens, Whipped Potatoes, Applesauce, Mandarin Fruit Cup, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Crackers.

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Tuesday — Macaroni and Cheese or Cheese Sandwich, Choice of Vegetable, Choice of Fruit, Roll.

Wednesday — Spaghetti or PB&J with Cheese Stick, Salad or Peas, Choice of Fruit, Roll.

Thursday — Taco Salad, Choice of Vegetable, Choice of Fruit.

Friday — Cafeteria Surprise, Choice of Vegetable, Choice of Fruit.

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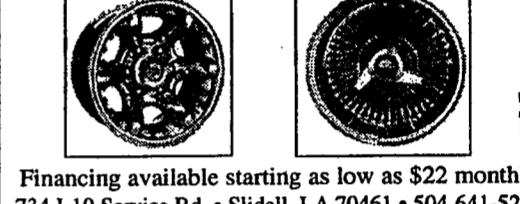
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Southern Miss announces safe schools initiative

A new initiative at the University of Southern Mississippi aims to provide answers for school personnel facing the threat or the reality of violence and other crimes.

Long before the recent Columbine High School massacre, the 1999 Legislature approved \$150,000 to fund USM's Mississippi Safe Schools, Violence and Dropout Prevention Center. "Considering what happened in Colorado, I think it's very fortunate we were this far along," said state Sen. Grey Ferris, D-Vicksburg, who sponsored legislation making the center possible.

"I think this program will help better identify children who are at risk to themselves and others."

Ferris, chairman of the Senate Education Committee, joined USM education officials to announce the Safe Schools initiative at a news conference luncheon on the southern Miss campus.

"The focus here will be on dealing with safety issues and preventing dropouts," said the center's executive director, Dr. Johnny R. Purvis, USM professor of educational leadership and research.

Among other plans, the new Southern Miss center will:

— Establish a rapid-response team to deal with school shootings, suicide incidents, bomb threats and other crises.

— Develop a school resource officer training program.

— Establish school security and safety academies for school personnel.

— Hold school security and safety conferences.

— And establish a gang and cult state task force.

"I've been wanting to do that for about five years," Purvis said of the task force.

While Purvis will lead many of the center's activities, much will also be handled by center director Dr. Dewey Blackledge, a veteran public school educator now working with Purvis at Southern Miss as director of the state Department of Education's Regional Service Center.

Ferris, a Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, said he thought the Colorado massacre would make smaller school districts acutely aware of the need for crisis planning.

"A crisis such as this is so acute you have to have a coordinated effort," he said. "And different crises require different responses."

Ferris said he thought educators realized the need to practice crisis prevention as well as responses — trying to single out troubled children as early as possible.

"One of the issues that will have to be addressed by the Legislature is the role counselors can play in the elementary years," Ferris said. "Whatever happened with these kids (in Colorado), the probably displayed signs of problems in elementary school."

Ferris said he hopes the Legislature would revisit last year's unsuccessful effort to fund elementary school

counselors.

Purvis said the safe schools center's planning was already under way and that programs would be offered after funding becomes available July 1.

"Now we're able to do a lot of things we've always dreamed of doing," he said.

Purvis is nationally recognized as an expert on gang and cult violence and its relationship to student discipline, or management, and strategies for working with violent students. He's worked in 23 states as a consultant for groups addressing gang and cult violence.

His "Gangs, Cults and Violence in the School Setting," now in its fifth year, draws standing-room-only crowds of educators, law enforcement and juvenile justice administrators each summer. This year's conference is set for June 10 at USM's Hattiesburg campus and July 14 at USM's Gulf Park campus in Long Beach.

Purvis participated in a national forum on preventing violence in the nation's schools in July 1993 at the invitation of U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley.

A year later, he was selected to serve as a consultant in the Technical Assistance and Support Program under the National Institute of Justice, the research arm of the U.S. Department of Justice.

For information on the Mississippi Safe Schools, Violence and Dropout Prevention Center at USM, call Blackledge at 601-266-6777.

BIRTHS

LAURA GRACE RITTEN

Mr. and Mrs. Jon William Ritten of Diamondhead announce the birth of their second child, Laura Grace, April 28, 1999 at 8:19 a.m. at Slidell Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Ritten is the former Julie Smith. Maternal grandparents are Jackie and Kathy Smith of Gulfport.

Paternal grandparents are Jon and Susan Ritten of Diamondhead.

Great-grandparents include Ivy Smith of Gulfport and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Holcomb of Clarksdale, Miss.

CHANDLER LAURENT KERGOSIEN

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Kergosien of Corpus Christi, Texas, announce the birth of their first child, Chandler Laurent, April 12, 1999 at 9:04 p.m. at Sphon South.

He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

Mrs. Kergosien is the former Shelley LaFontaine.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alvin J. LaFontaine of Gulfport and Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. McNeil of Memphis, Tenn.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ames A. Kergosien and Ms. Rosalie W. Kergosien, all of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include Mrs. Margaret LaFontaine of Bay St. Louis and the late Mr. Woodrow "Coco" LaFontaine, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oslerman of Ocean Springs and the late Mr. James R. Parsons; the late Ms. Thelma Kergosien, the late Mr. L. Laurent Kergosien, the late Mr. John J. Wagner and the late Ms. Mary Wilma Coward.

BROOKE ANN AND JORDAN MARIE LADNER

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Ladner of Lakeshore announce the birth of twins, Brooke Ann and Jordan Marie, May 6, 1999, at 8:24 a.m. and 8:25 a.m., respectively.

Brooke weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces.

Jordan weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

Mrs. Ladner is the former Michelle Dunn.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D. J. and Bertie Dunn of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Randy and Judy Ladner of Lakeshore.

Maternal great-grandparents include the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellis Sr., the late Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Dunn and the late Bonnie Lee Dunn.

Paternal great-grandparents are Mrs. Lois Marquar and the late Donald Marquar, Mrs.

ELOISE WILLIAMS AND THE LATE EDGAR WILLIAMS AND THE LATE R. J. LADNER JR.

MADELYNN ANTOINETTE LADNER

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Anthony Ladner of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of a daughter, Madelynn Antoinette, May 2, 1999 at 9:23 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces.

Mrs. Ladner is the former Tonya Harper.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Harper of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lyone "Jeep" Ladner of the Ansley community.

Great-grandparents include Lucy Galiano and the late Euseb Galiano, the late Mr. and Mrs. August Ladner, Addie Johnson and the late David Johnson and Mary Harper and the late R. V. Harper.

Madelynn is welcomed by her sister Samantha.

CAMERON SCOTT NECAISE

Scott Necaise and Brandy LaFontaine of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of a son, Cameron Scott, April 26, 1999 at 3:49 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Gerald and Susan Farve of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Ronnie and Barbara Necaise of Pass Christian.

Great-grandmother is Elise Necaise.

Cameron is welcomed by his sister, Brittany.

JARON GABRIEL WOLFORD

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Wolford Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Jaron Gabriel, May 3, 1999 at 6 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 7 pounds.

Mrs. Wolford is the former Virginia Pope.

Maternal grandparents are Charles and Linda Pope of Clinton, Miss.

Paternal grandparents are Rosemane and Ronnie Babb of Denham Springs, La.

Great-grandparents include John G. Fishel, Charles Pope Sr., Florien Jeansson Jr., and Delores Jeansson.

ALANNA MARIE MERCER

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Mercer of Kiln announce the birth of their second child, Alanna Marie, May 7, 1999 at

5:20 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

Mrs. Mercer is the former Kimberly Waldt.

Maternal grandparents are Nadine and Bob James and Dennis and Linda Waldt.

Paternal grandparents are Bobby and Michael Mercer of Long Beach.

Great-grandparents include Mac and Marjorie Mercer.

Alanna is welcomed by her brother, Christopher.

CARLY HANNAH SUDDUTH

Mr. and Mrs. Britt Sudduth of Pass Christian announce the birth of a daughter, Carly Hannah, April 30, 1999 at 10:37 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Mrs. Sudduth is the former Elizabeth Rutledge.

Maternal grandparents are Millie Rutledge of Bay St. Louis and Jay Rutledge of Nashville, Tenn.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sudduth of Columbus, Miss.

Great-grandmother is Lois Haynes of Columbus, Miss.

Carly is welcomed by Lauren, Haley and Hunter.

Mrs. Sudduth is the former Elizabeth Rutledge.

Maternal grandparents are Millie Rutledge of Bay St. Louis and Jay Rutledge of Nashville, Tenn.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Cooley Jr. of Kiln.

Great-grandmother is Ella Ruth Rutledge.

Kyra Renee is welcomed by her sister, Ashley.

KYRA RENEE COOLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Cooley Jr. of Kiln announce the birth of their second child, Kyra Renee, April 28, 1999 at 8:09 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

Mrs. Cooley is the former Ms. Troclair.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Troclair Jr.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Cooley Sr.

Great-grandmother is Ella Ruth Rutledge.

Kyra Renee is welcomed by her sister, Ashley.

JUSTIN GAGE FONTEENOT

Raquel B. Fontenot of Waveland announces the birth of a son, Justin Gage, April 24, 1999 at 4:48 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Grandparents are Harold Fontenot and Rebecca Fontenot of Waveland.

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Laura Dhuy and Jason Battle

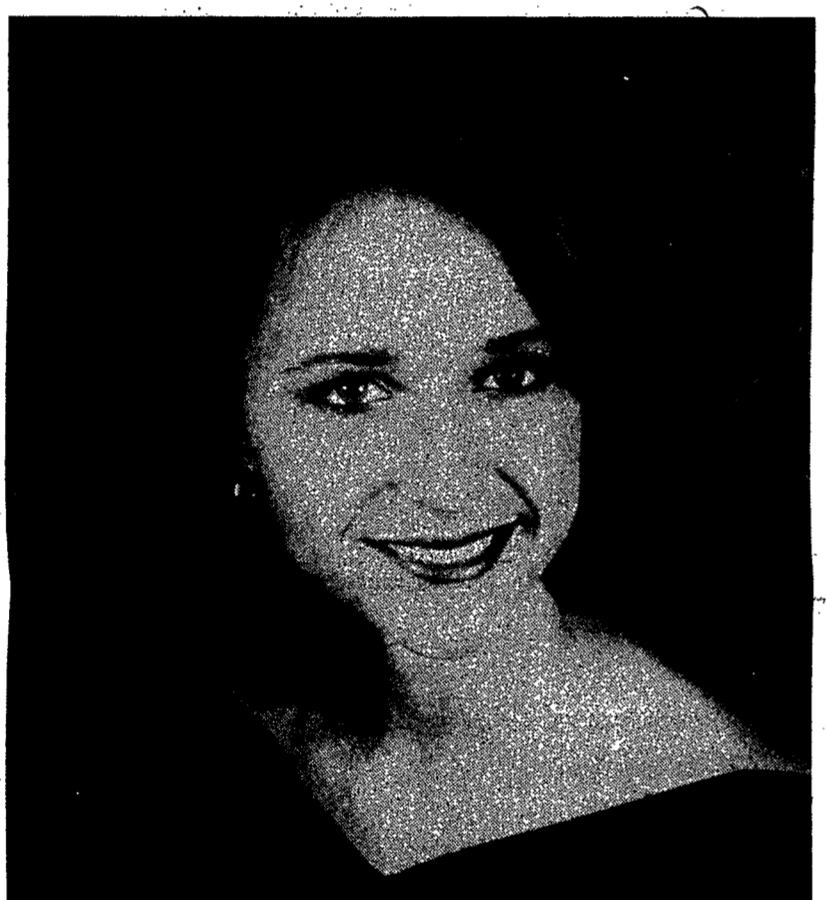
Mr. George A. Dhuy Jr. of Memphis, Tenn. announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of his daughter, Laura Michelle Dhuy, to Jason Patrick Battle, son of Dr. and Mrs. Pat M. Battle of Bay St. Louis.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Our Lady Academy and attends Memphis University. She is employed with Germantown Psychological Associates.

The prospective groom is a St. Stanislaus graduate and also attends Memphis University. He is employed with the Memphis Police Department.

The marriage will take place June 12, 1999 at 1 p.m. in St. Therese Catholic Church.

LaFontaine-McArthur Jr.



Micheline LaFontaine

Mr. and Mrs. Steven LaFontaine Sr. of Bay St. Louis announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Micheline LaFontaine, to Thomas McArthur Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McArthur Sr. of Pearlington.

The bride-elect is a Hancock High School graduate and is a pharmacy tech with Eckerd's in Bay St. Louis. Her grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fricke Sr., Mrs. Milton LaFontaine of Bay St. Louis and the late Mr. Milton LaFontaine.

The prospective groom is a Hancock High School graduate and attended Pearl River Community College. He is employed with Wellman Inc. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willie McArthur, Mr. Bill White of Pearlington and the late Mrs. Bill White.

The wedding will take place May 28 at 7 p.m. at the home of the parents of the bride, 5055 Lower Bay Road in Bay St. Louis.

Friends and relatives are invited.

A reception will follow the ceremony at the Hancock Civic Center on Longfellow Drive in Bay St. Louis.

'Faces of Freedom Summer' exhibit opens

The University of Southern Mississippi will open an exhibit of 100 photographs of noted American photographer Herbert Randall June 7 to mark the 35th anniversary of "Mississippi Freedom Summer 1964," one of the milestones of the Civil Rights Movement.

The educational exhibit and symposium, "Faces of Freedom Summer: The Photographs of Herbert Randall" will be hosted by the USM Museum of Art in association with the USM Libraries June 7-October 31. The art museum is directed by Dr. Michael De Marsche.

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Lacour-LeBlanc



Eugenie Lacour

Mr. and Mrs. James Daniel Lacour of Destrehan, La., announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Eugenie Marie Lacour, to John Allen LeBlanc, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Allen LeBlanc of Monroe, La.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Archbishop Chapelle High School in Metairie and of the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette with a BS in general studies and a BA in elementary education. She was a Dean's List scholar and a member of Phi Mu Sorority. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. Monti of Bay St. Louis.

The prospective groom is a graduate of South Terrebonne High School in Houma and of the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette with a BS in management and a minor in finance. He was a Dean's List and President's List scholar.

Vows will be exchanged in a double-ring ceremony June 12, 1999 at 2 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo in Destrehan. A reception will follow at Chateau Country Club. The couple plans to honeymoon in the Bahamas.

More than 2,000 to graduate at USM May 14

Congressman Ronnie Shows and Forrest County Justice Court Judge Deborah Gambrell-Chambers will be the featured speakers May 14 as more than 2,000 University of Southern Mississippi students graduate in divided ceremonies.

Gambrell-Chambers will speak to degree candidates during a 2:30 p.m. ceremony and Shows will be the featured speaker during a 6:30 p.m. exercise, both on the Hattiesburg campus.

ROTC graduates will receive their commissions during a 10 a.m. ceremony in rooms A, B and C of the University Commons.

USM President Horace Fleming will award diplomas to 1,818 prospective graduates during both commencements at Reed Green Coliseum and will award 188 degrees during a third ceremony on the front lawn of the Gulf Park campus in Long Beach May 15.

Harrison County Court Judge Robin Midcalf will serve as commencement speaker for the 9 a.m. ceremony at Gulf Park.

The total graduating class includes 1,445 undergraduates, 454 master's students, 10 seeking specialist's degrees and 97 doctoral candidates.

In Hattiesburg, the 2:30 p.m. ceremony will include graduates of the colleges of

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YOUTH

Area youths perform with Slidell youth orchestra

Eight area youths have been performing with the Slidell Community and Youth Orchestra. The students are Brennan Besancon on tenor saxophone, Anna Brannin on alto saxophone, Samantha Neal on violin, Kevin Messer on trumpet, Shawn Negrotto on French horn, Dustin Tasker on alto saxophone, Lauren Veach on flute and Ryan Veach on alto Saxophone.

The orchestra is composed of area adults and youth from the greater St. Tammany Parish region. Under the musical direction of Dr. Frankie Kelly, they meet every Tuesday evening at Clearwood Junior High School in Slidell.

Kelly is an assistant professor of music at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond.

Community education of St. Tammany Parish School Board supports the orchestra, which begins in October and continues through May. This is the 13th year the musical group has been in existence. Some 60 members strong, the group provides an opportunity for people of all ages to interact through music.

In March the orchestra performed for fourth grade students in St. Tammany Parish schools. The annual event allows students in this grade to learn about the different musical instruments as well as enjoy the musical arrangements.

A community concert was held May 2 in Pottle Auditorium on the campus of southeastern Louisiana University.

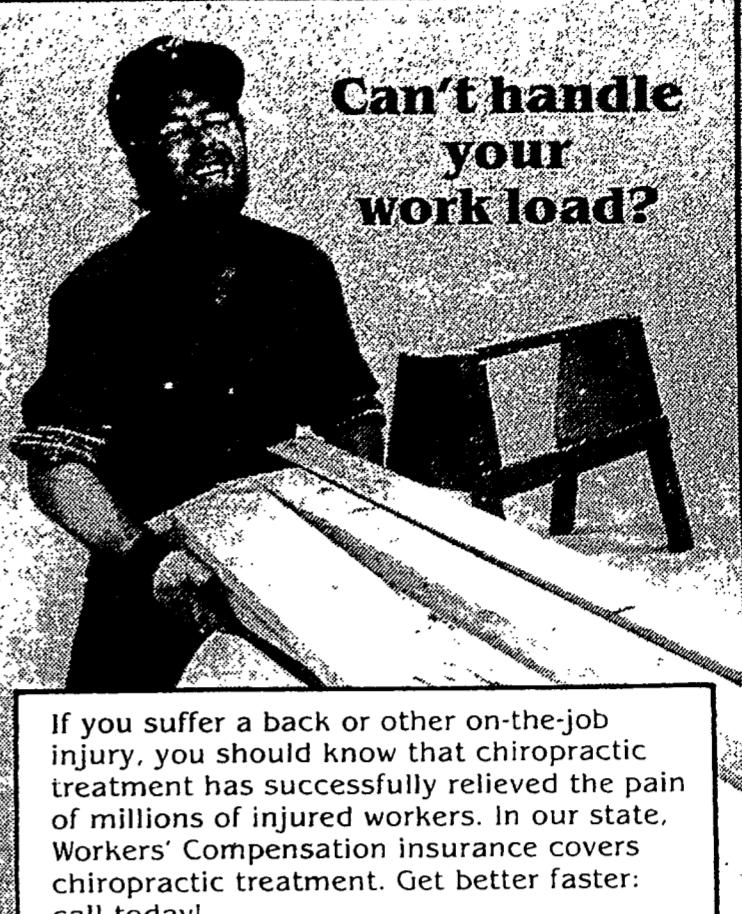
A second community concert will be held Thursday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. in Aldersgate Methodist church in Slidell.

For information about the concert, contact Linda Sisson at 504-781-5205.



In Slidell orchestra

Local young musicians performing in Slidell Orchestra are, from left, Ryan Veach, Anna Brannin, Brennan Besancon, Lauren Veach, Dr. Frankie Kelly, musical director; Kevin Messer, Samantha Neal, Shawn Negrotto and Dustin Tasker.



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Colin-Marcy Favre

Colin-Marcy Favre, 13-year-old daughter of Don and Dawn Favre of Chandler, Ariz. and granddaughter of Lydia Monti Favre of Bay St. Louis, recently qualified for the Western States Regional Gymnastics Competition held in Salt Lake City, Utah Apr. 17. Her exceptional performance at the competition qualified her to compete at the USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic Level 9 Western Championships in Seattle, Wash. May 8. Favre trains at Desert Lights Gymnastics in Chandler and is coached by John and Lisa Spin.

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USM recognizes students at Awards

Eighty-eight students from the Coast area were recognized during the University of Southern Mississippi's annual Awards Day ceremony.

Students at the afternoon ceremony in Bennett Auditorium were recognized for receiving more than 650 awards, scholarships and other acknowledgments, including membership in selective honors societies.

Students from the Bay St. Louis and their honors are:

— Jessica Carroll Boston, 19, a freshman biological sciences major, daughter of Mark and Barbara Boston, membership in Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society.

— Jessica Leigh Compretta, 21, a senior exercise physiology major, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Compretta, Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

— Charles Scott Courrige, 18, a freshman criminal justice major, son of Bert and Christine Courrige, membership in Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society.

— Jeanne Hannah Erwin, 21, a senior speech pathology major, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Ladner, Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

— Christopher James Estrade, 18, a freshman architectural engineering technology major, son of Melvin and Susan Estrade, membership in Lambda Sigma and Alpha Lambda Delta honor societies.

— April Leigh Marsh, 19, a freshman medical technology

major, daughter of Gordon and Mary Jane Marsh, membership in Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society.

— Karen Valerie Parker, 20, a junior advertising major, daughter of Robert and Pam Parker, Godwin Guice Advertising Award for Excellence in Advertising.

Students from Diamondhead and their honors are:

— Mary M. Romano, 44, a senior social work major, wife of Roy Roman, Award of Merit.

— Bradley David Rukes, 21, a junior marketing major and Honors College member, son of Lloyd and Donna Simoneaux, membership in Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society.

Students from Pass Christian and their honors are:

— Jerry Rene Alliston, 28, a graduate student in social work, husband of Nellie Alliston, Outstanding Service Award.

— Frances Coggins, 50, a senior special education major, Department of Special Education Award of Academic Achievement.

Students from Waveland and their honors are:

— Maria Courtney Koskan, 18, a freshman biological sciences major and Honors College member, daughter of Allen and Irene Koskan, membership in Lambda Sigma Honor Society.

— Stephanie Monique Seliger, 19, a freshman social and rehabilitation services major, daughter of Wayne and Lainey Lee, membership in Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society.

Russell wins DuPont award

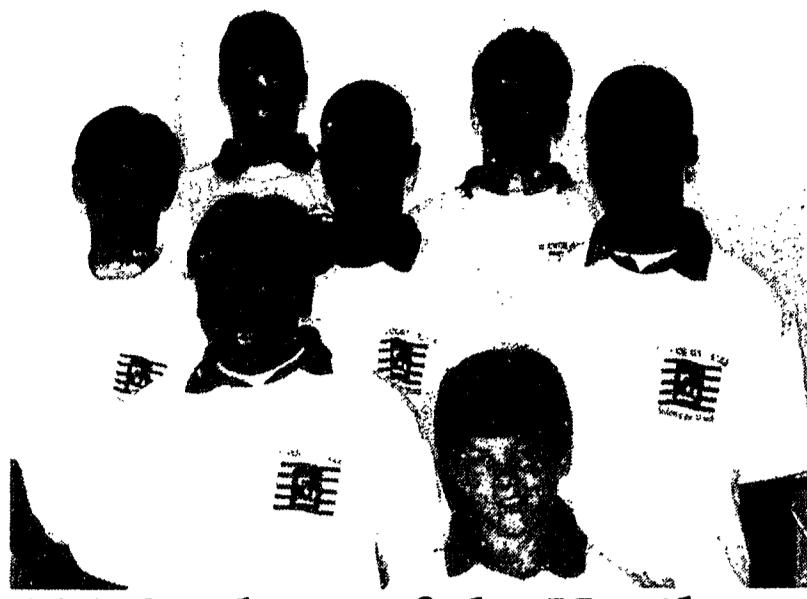
Kim Russell, a Coast Episcopal School ninth grade student, won honorable mention in the Junior Division of the DuPont Challenge 1999 Science Essay Awards Program.

The title of Kim's essay was "A Cuddle a Day Keeps the Doctor Away."

Out of the thousands of

entries that were received in each division, there are only three winners and 48 honorable mentions awarded. Kim was the only student from the Southeast region of the United States to win an award.

Kim is the daughter of Ronald and Kathy Russell of Gulfport.



SSC Students of the Month

St. Stanislaus March Students of the Month are, top row from left, senior Kevin Estrade and senior Justin Pucheu; middle row, sophomore Gary Leung, freshman Chris Patterson and junior Joseph Diggs; bottom row, eighth grader Kunal Patel and seventh grader Marshall Ticer.

Stanislaus names March Students of the Month

St. Stanislaus named seven Students of the Month for March, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, principal. The Student of the Month is a recognition program to highlight those students in each grade level who are indeed "Men of Character."

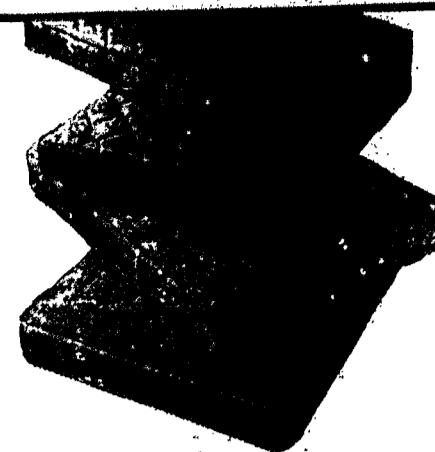
Students are chosen by the school faculty and administration on the basis of sincerity, respect, courtesy, cooperation, effort, service, moral character and achievement.

Students of the Month include senior Kevin Estrade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Estrade of Bay St. Louis; senior Justin Pucheu, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pucheu of Waveland; Junior Joseph Diggs, son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Diggs of Baton Rouge; sophomore Gary Leung, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pun Hing Leung of Long Beach; and freshman Chris Patterson, son of Ms. Angela Patterson of New Orleans.

MAMP scholarship recipients

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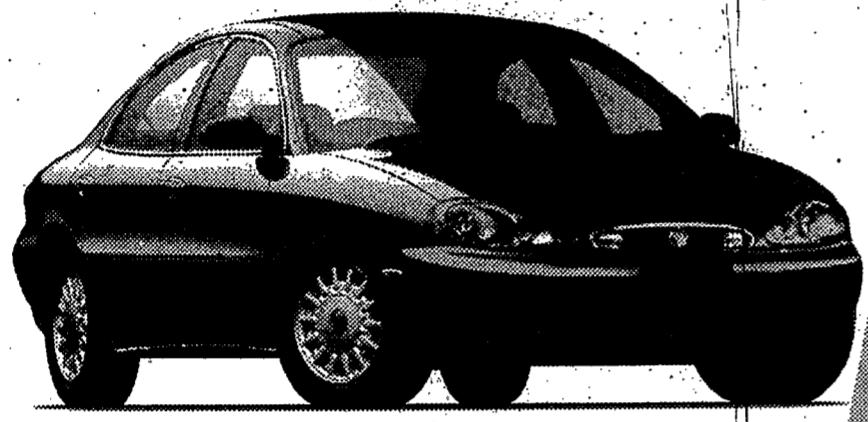
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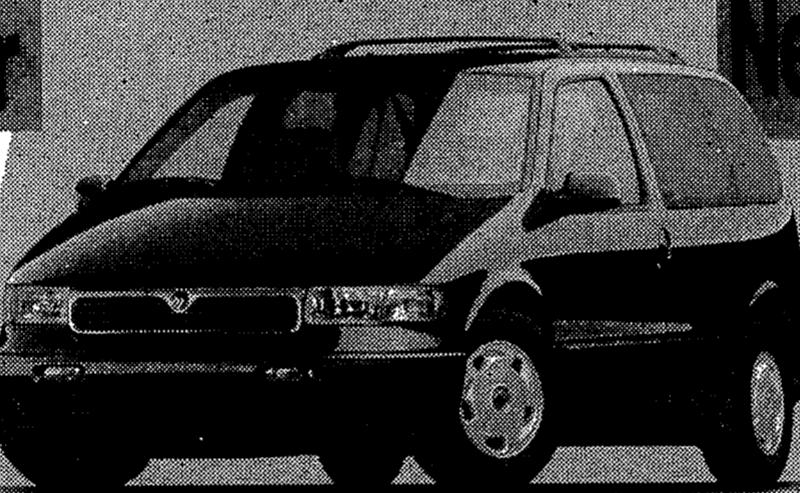
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MFA is offering equal prizes in both categories: first place, \$500; second, \$250 and third place, \$100.

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Deadline for entries is Aug. 15. Contest is open to photographers of all ages, both amateur and professional. Entries may be color or black and white. Format may be either slides or (at least) 8x10 prints. Photos must be taken in Mississippi.

Contestants may submit a total of three entries in each category for a total of six entries per person, maximum.

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Winning entries may be highlighted in *Tree Talk*, MFA's quarterly magazine or used in other MFA publications, such as brochures. Winning entries will be matted and auctioned at MFA's annual meeting in Tunica in October.

For information, contact Mississippi Forestry Association, 620 N. State St., Suite 201, Jackson, MS 39202, 601/354-4936.

Conservation Corner

Are all chemicals bad?

By James L. Cummins, Jr.

All too often the word "chemical" has a bad reputation. Yet, everything—and I do mean everything—is made of chemicals.

Water, which is made of two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen, is a chemical. Gasoline, which also is made of hydrogen and oxygen, with a little carbon added to it, is a chemical.

I know, most of the time people are complaining about chemicals, pesticides and sometimes fertilizers. However, we seldom think of the fact that proper pesticide and fertilizer use saves wildlife habitat. In a world with an increasing population, more food and fiber is not only needed, it is demanded.

To achieve that objective, we have two choices—we can produce more food and fiber on existing land, or we can utilize other lands—lands that are currently serving as valuable

habitat for wildlife.

I'm not saying that we can't have wildlife and highly productive agricultural and timber lands; the rice industry is one example of having both. However, without maximizing production on existing land, encroachment by these increasing needs will decrease the amount of habitat available for wildlife.

The use of chemicals allows the food and fiber that is needed to be produced on the minimum number of acres.

If we could not increase soil productivity through fertilization, many more acres would be needed to feed and clothe a hungry and cold world.

For example, in many parts of the world, especially in areas with poor economies, such as the third world and parts of the former Soviet Union, people are much more interested in feeding their family than pro-

tecting rain forests or other types of habitat that wildlife need.

People only care about the environment after they have met basic needs (i.e., food, clothing and shelter).

The world is becoming more and more developed each year, and it is demanding a quality and abundant food supply.

Most people do not associate pesticide and fertilizer use with conserving wildlife habitat—they usually associate it with degrading habitat.

If our nation's farmers were using the same farming practices that were in place 40 years ago, it would take an area 15 times the size of Mississippi to meet that demand.

Am I trying to say that all pesticides are good for the environment? Absolutely not! That is why DDT and toxaphene are not on the market today. Most pesticides that do exist today have to meet strict guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency. Most of them break down in the environment to a non-toxic chemical.

Through continuing research (i.e., genetic, growth, etc.), we will make sure that we can meet the needs of a growing world and do it in a manner that will leave the land in as good or better shape than when we found it. Isn't that the way it should be?

James L. Cummins, Jr. is executive director of the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation in Stoneville. Known as "Wildlife Mississippi," the foundation is a non-profit, conservation organization founded to conserve, restore and enhance fish, wildlife and plant resources throughout Mississippi.

Mississippi is also providing seed to plant 18,424 acres of food plots for wildlife in 1999.

Wildlife Mississippi has a conservation philosophy based on three basic principles: 1) Incentive protect, restore and enhance fish, wildlife and plant habitat; 2) Conservation can thrive while respecting private property rights and 3) More effective and responsive government policies will enable more on-the-ground conservation to take place.

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Dr. Lawrence J. Bellipanni, assistant professor of biological sciences at USM, is camp director.

Cost is \$485, which covers all instruction materials, field trips, food and lodging.

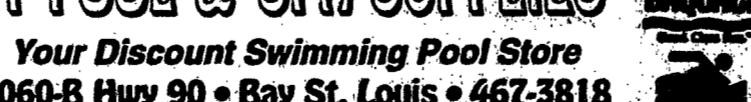
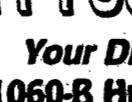
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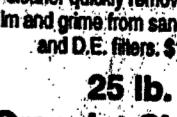
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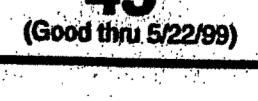
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Mississippi Gulf Coast Council of Garden Clubs

Installation of the new officers of the Gulf Coast Council of Garden clubs, Inc., for 1999-2000 was held May 7 at the Joe Graham American Legion Post in Gulfport.

Those taking office are Betsi Burgess of Gulfport, president; Dorothy Roberts of Pascagoula, first vice president; Camille Puckett of Gulfport, third vice president; Anne Lange of Biloxi, recording secretary; and Janet Dudding of Bay St. Louis, historian.

The Council is made up of 27 member clubs from the three Coast counties. In addition to sponsoring the only free pilgrimage in the country for over 50 years, member clubs undertake community service programs and beautification.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

TOPS WAVELAND 307
TOPS Chapter MS 307 Waveland met Wednesday, at the Waveland Public Library. Eight members were present. Sharon was the week's best losers with 5 pounds. Sherri was top KOPS.

May 5 Olga was the month's best loser with 4½ pounds. Runners-up were Joy and Naomi with 3½ pounds each. The quar-

ter's best loser was Lou with 17½ pounds. Runner-up was Anna with 12 pounds. Top KOPS was Paula.

On May 11, ARD, Latimer, Paula and Sherri received care bears each. The chapter won second place for the quarter's total weight loss. Paula received an award for perfect attendance for the year.

TOPS' web address is <http://www.tops.org>. Log on for loads of information. The weight loss chapter promotes enthusiasm, recognition, understanding and encourages sensible eating habits. Anyone interested is welcome to join.

The chapter meets every Wednesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are from 4:45-5:30 p.m. with the meeting following.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and/or maintaining weight loss is welcome to visit the chapter. Call Ruth at 467-3575 for information.

AARP Chapter 1114

The monthly meeting of the Hancock County Chapter 1114 AARP will be Monday, May 17 at 10 a.m. at the American Legion Post 77 on Coleman Avenue in Waveland. Guest speaker will be Larry Miller of John Hancock Insurance Company, speaking on telephone fraud.

Hancock County Home Volunteers

Hancock County Mississippi Home Volunteers held a Cultural Arts Fair April 25. Blue ribbon winners included Vickie Chandler, Carolyn Geoffrey, Margie Grannon and Mary Lou Mutter. The projects will be judged at State MHV Council.

Darlene Underwood, home economist, and Adele Langkopp, child and family chair, will attend MHV State Council at Mississippi State May 18-20.

MHVMC members will have the opportunity to make hospital gowns and therapy dolls for the Children's Hospital in Jackson at this meeting, as well as story books, crayons and activity books for the hospital.

American Legion Auxiliary

The Ninth District Spring Conference was held May 1 at Bourgeois Stieffel Ray Post 77 Waveland. Post 77 served lunch before the meeting.

Ninth District President Bobbie Worrell, Unit 146 Petal, presided over the meeting. Reports for the year were given by unit presidents of unit secretaries.

Election was held for the 1999-2000 Ninth District president. Mattie North, Unit 139 Bay St. Louis, was elected and will be installed in July at the State Convention in Tupelo. Elaine Luwisch, Unit 77 Waveland, was elected as the Ninth District vice president. She was installed by President Worrell.

State Department Chaplain Kathy Duncan and eight past State Department presidents were in attendance. Unit 139 Bay St. Louis has 23 members present, and Unit 77 Waveland had nine members. There were 59 members at the meeting.



May teacher

The Bay St. Louis Rotary Club's May Teacher of the Month is Leah Preble, center, a St. Stanislaus Prep teacher. Those in photo are, from left, Bob Hubbard, Rotary education chairman; Preble and Brother Ronald Hingle, principal. (Photo by Dr. Frank Conaway)

PRCC Poplarville campus award winners recognized

Crissy Martin, a Hancock High School graduate who lives in the Necessity Crossing community, was recognized seven times during Pearl River Community College's Poplarville campus Awards Day program.

Martin was awarded the Ted J. Alexander Presidential Scholarship to the University of Southern Mississippi and received the All USA Academic, Phi Theta Kappa, and Who's Who in American Community Colleges awards.

She also earned mathematics, physics and creative writing certificates and plaques.

Other academic division winners include:

Communications — Jenna Wade of Kiln, Alpha Psi Omega Technical Award

English — Eugene Cuevas of Kiln, Department Award, creative writing

Social science — Tamela Ladner of Hancock County, American Studies



Teacher for April

The Bay St. Louis Rotary Club's Teacher for the Month of April is Mary Alice Benvenutti, center, Our Lady Academy English teacher. Those in photo are, from left, Bob Hubbard, Rotary education chairman; Mrs. Benvenutti, and Linda Emmel, OLA guidance counselor. (Echo staff photo by Randy Ponder)



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**Brownlee
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Coast Episcopal School has announced the selection of 10th grader Kristin Brownlee to be ambassador to the Mississippi High O'Brien Youth Foundation Leadership Seminar to be held in late spring at Millsaps College in Jackson.

Brownlee is an alpha honor roll student and has been president of her class for the past year. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Brownlee of Gulfport.

He HOPY Foundation motivates, trains and develops future leaders, preparing them for positions in their schools and helping them to expand their talents for future leadership roles.

At the Mississippi HOPY Seminar, two students will be selected to represent the state at the National Conference in July.



Kristin Brownlee

**Vocational
students receive
top scores**

Two Hancock County Vocational Technical students, Jeremy Henley, who attends Hancock High School, and Ernie Francis, who attends Bay High School, recently received the highest state scores on the Ford Motor Company AAA automotive troubleshooting exam.

Henley and Francis will travel to the Sears Metro Mall in Jackson May 3-4 to compete in the hands-on Ford AAA State finals.

The top 10 schools in Mississippi, based on combined scores of two-student teams from each school will compete.

Ford Motor Company will donate a new vehicle to the Hancock County Vo-Tech Center for future training purposes because of Henley and Francis' placing first on the written test.

**Tori Necaise
is pageant
finalist**

Victoria (Tori) Necaise, daughter of Greg and Toni Necaise of the Catahoula community, has been accepted as a state finalist in the Miss Mississippi American Princess Pageant to be held June 10-11 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Jackson.

Necaise is sponsored by P & M Tile, family and friends. Her hobbies include dancing, baseball and camping.

The winner of the pageant in each division will receive a cash award of \$500, official crown, banner and \$300 in travel expenses to compete in the National Miss American Coed Pageant in Orlando, Fla., where thousands of dollars in cash awards, scholarships and prizes will be awarded.

Each state winner will also receive admission and transportation for two to Disneyworld in Orlando, Fla.

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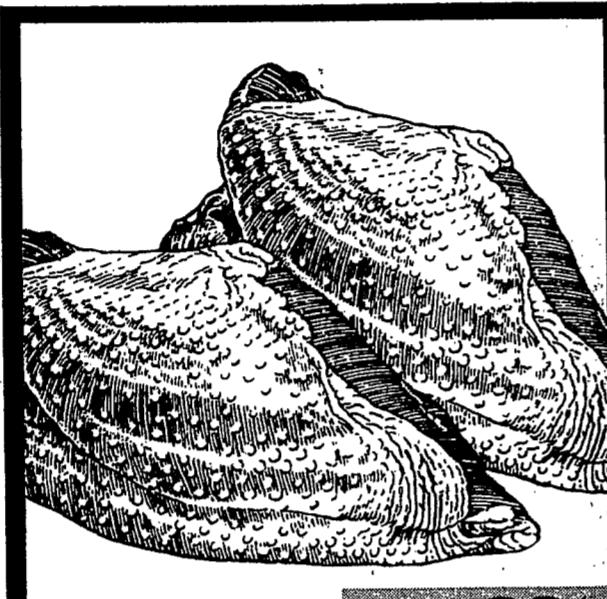
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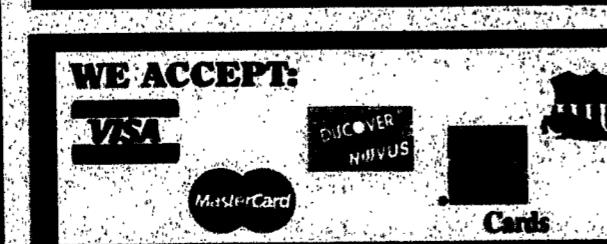
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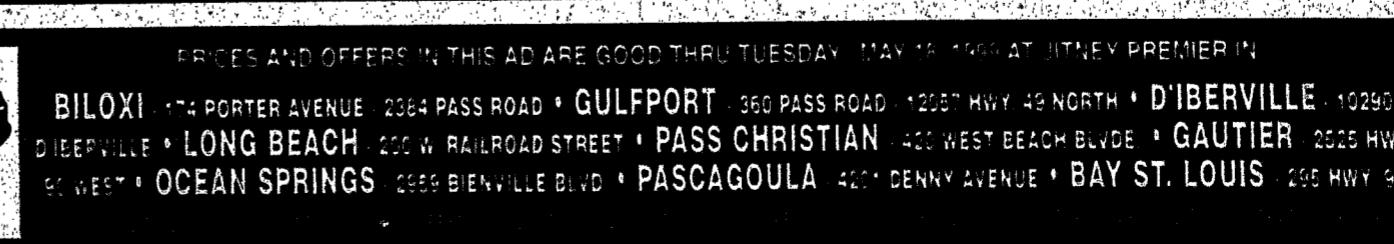
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By Father Jerome
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That headline with numerous variations festooned the front page of virtually every newspaper in the U.S. the morning after the Yankee Clipper hung up his spikes for the last time.

Sports enthusiasts as well as many who do not cotton to sports, or at least not to baseball, felt a bit diminished by the passing of the 84-year-old Hall of Famer. Transcending sports, Joltin' Joe found a niche in the hearts of most.

Perhaps the most amazing statistic about Joe DiMaggio as a baseball player was not his 56-game hitting streak. Rather, it had to be the fact that he hit 361 career home runs, yet, through a slugger, struck out a total of only 369 times.

For 13 seasons, the yankee Clipper was the class of the yankees, who, of course, were the class of the sports world. It is extremely rare that adjectives such as exquisite grace, elegance and artful proficiency are applied to an athlete.

Joe's professional integrity reached beyond the ball park to everyone and everything he touched, and drew people as a magnet would. His only serious drawback was his aloofness which sometimes alienated people, especially journalists.

"The Big Guy's" status as a celebrity took a quantum leap when he entered into a star-crossed, 10-month marriage with Marilyn Monroe in 1954. Romance, elegance and celebrity wrapped themselves around him in storybook fashion.

Immortalized in the song, "Joltin' Joe DiMaggio," in He-

mingway's "The Old Man and the Sea," in Paul Simon's "Please Mrs. Robinson," in dozens of films and Broadway shows. Joe was a true living legend, even internationally.

All that said, where do you personally fit in on the spectrum of the question: "What is your American Dream?"

If Joe DiMaggio embodied the American Dream, according to just about all the accounts of his life and fortune, to what extent do you agree with that assessment? In other words, would you like your life and fortune to be somewhat like his?

Considering Joe's two crashes in marriage and the absence of further meaningful romantic relationships in his life, does he embody for you what you would like to have in life? How close did he come to defining your American Dream?

Do you feel about Joe the way a woman felt about Ingrid Bergmann whose life was depicted as tragic because of her failed marriages and poor relationships? "I want that kind of tragedy in my life," the woman observed.

Is your American Dream to have a good job, a fine home, a meaningful marriage with children growing up in a quality environment and school? Perhaps a little acclaim, if not fame?

It's no knock on Joe that he scaled the pinnacle of baseball greatness. Au contraire, Jesus' "I came that they might have life and have it to the full" (John 10:10) definitely urges us to be all we can be in whatever we undertake.

Immortalized in the song, "Joltin' Joe DiMaggio," in He-

What is your American Dream?

Whether fame comes or not, most important is the kind of thing Joe got involved with recently in Hollywood, Florida, establishing a children's wing at Memorial Regional Hospital. Somehow, the American

Dream has to fit into the formula of Jesus, who outlined the real Hall of Fame: "Do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20).

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This week's clue, W equals R

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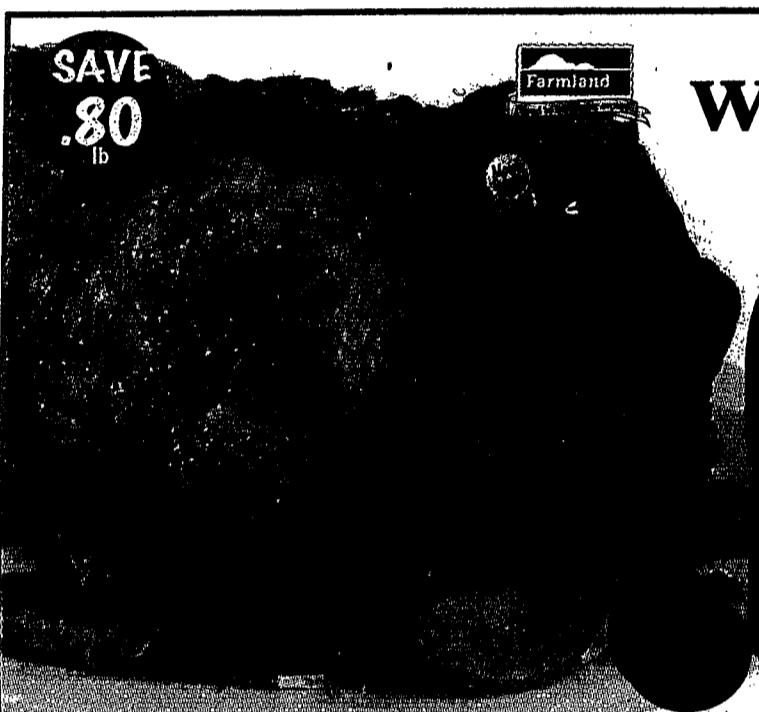
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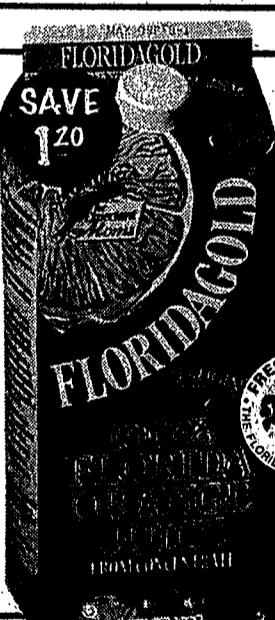
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14.5-15 oz can, Sweet Peas or
Assorted Varieties Green Beans or Corn
Green Giant
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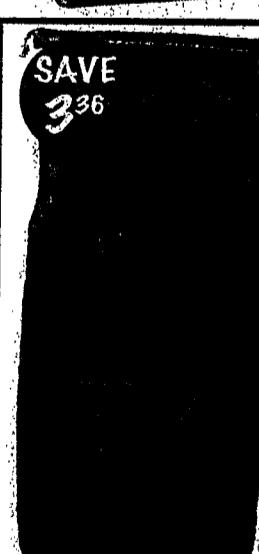
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64 oz ctn, Regular, w/Calcium or w/Pulp
Floridagold
Orange Juice

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16 oz btl
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10 lb bag
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